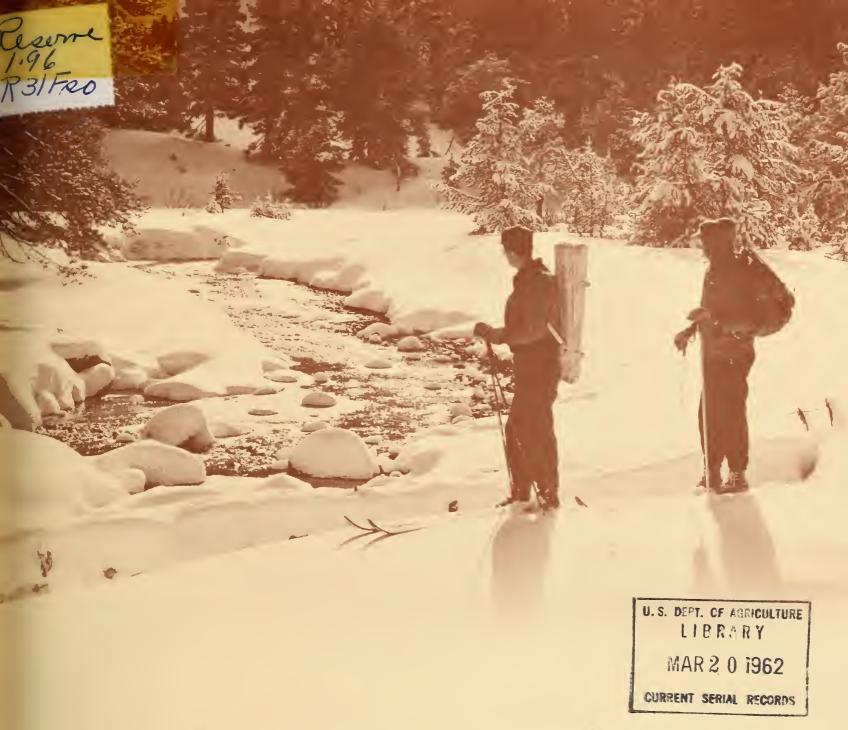
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

for

OREGON

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE and

OREGON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

and

STATE ENGINEER of OREGON

Data included in this report were obtained by the agencies named above in cooperation with other Federal, State and private organizations.

MAR. 1, 1962

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Fortunately, most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from fore-knowledge of the runoff.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, about 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

By relating snow survey measurements taken over a period of years to spring-summer runoff during the same period, relationships have been developed which make it possible to forecast seasonal runoff several months in advance of occurrence. In order to make a forecast, once a forecast relationship has been developed, the maximum snow water content at previously selected key snow courses is usually entered in the forecast relationship. More accurate forecasts are often obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast relationships.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions.

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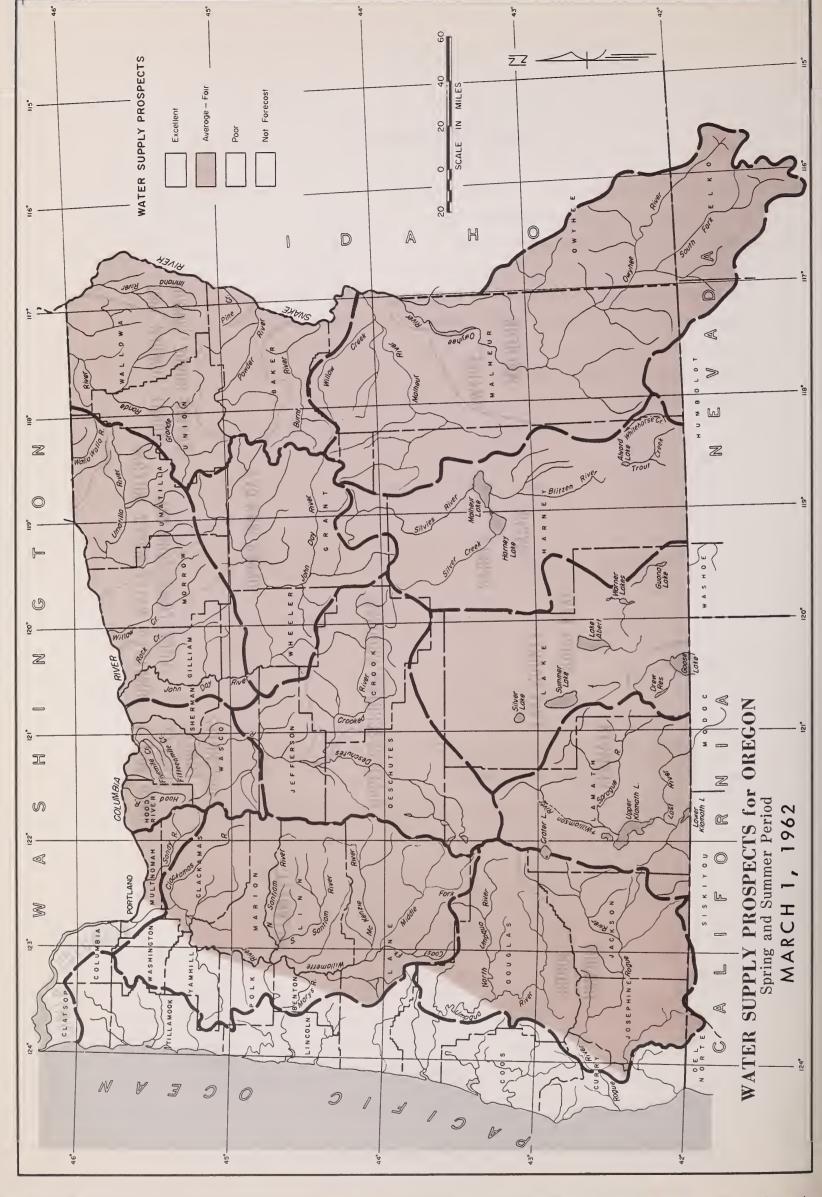
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK for OREGON

MARCH 1, 1962

Oregon's 1962 irrigation water supplies should be adequate although the situation will call for careful water management to "stretch" the water supplies in many areas of the state. Shortages of stored water create special problems in the southeastern counties and in Umatilla County for water users depending on McKay reservoir.

SNOW COVER:

Water content of the mountain snowpack varies from a low of 40 percent below the March 1 average in the Hood River - Wasco County area to a high of 18 percent greater than average in the Lake County area.

Current snow surveys on 200 snow courses indicate the total snowpack on a state-wide basis averages about 12 percent below the average March 1 accumulation. Month-end storms now adding to the total snowpack have not been included in the present analysis.

Watershed conditions are such that a "Chinook" occurring in the next few weeks could produce runoff of proportions greater than expected in present forecasts.

SOIL MOISTURE:

Moisture in the top 3 or 4 feet of soils under the mountain snowpack has been adequately replaced below about 5000 feet elevation. Above this elevation the soils are still relatively dry and will take up some of the early snowmelt water.

RESERVOIR STORAGE:

Water stored in 21 irrigation reservoirs now totals 37 percent below average and 15 percent less than last year at this time. The greatest shortages are still found in the southeastern counties and in McKay reservoir in Umatilla County.

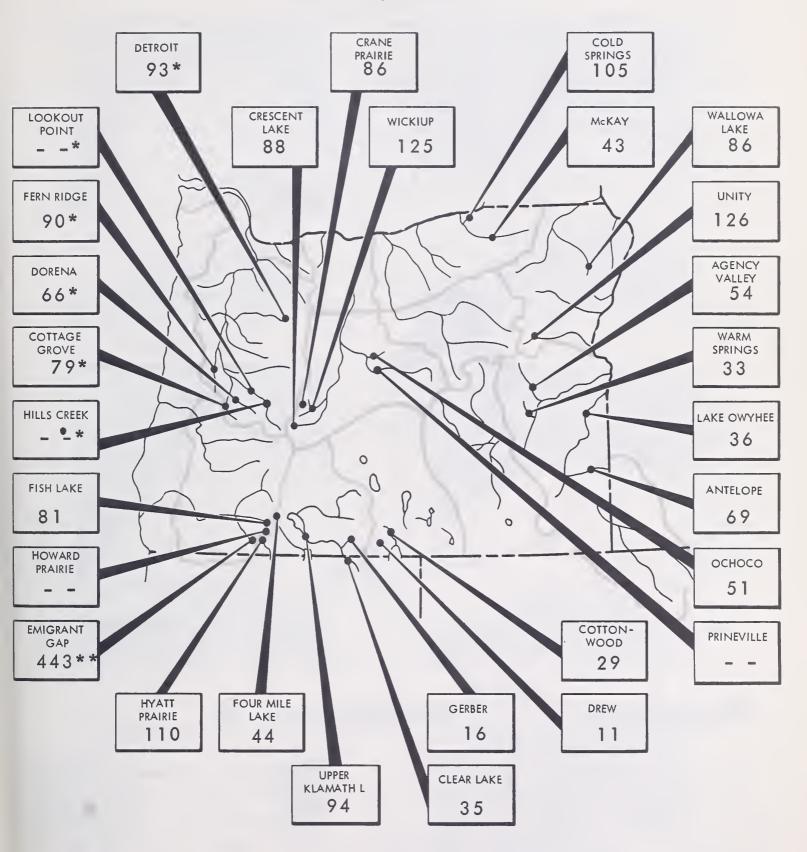
STREAMFLOW:

Streamflow forecasts now range from 63 percent of the 1943-57 average for the Owyhee to 113 percent for the Silvies. Most of the forecasts for streams in the southeastern tier of counties have raised slightly.



STORAGE STATUS of OREGON RESERVOIRS as percent of 1943-57, 15 year average

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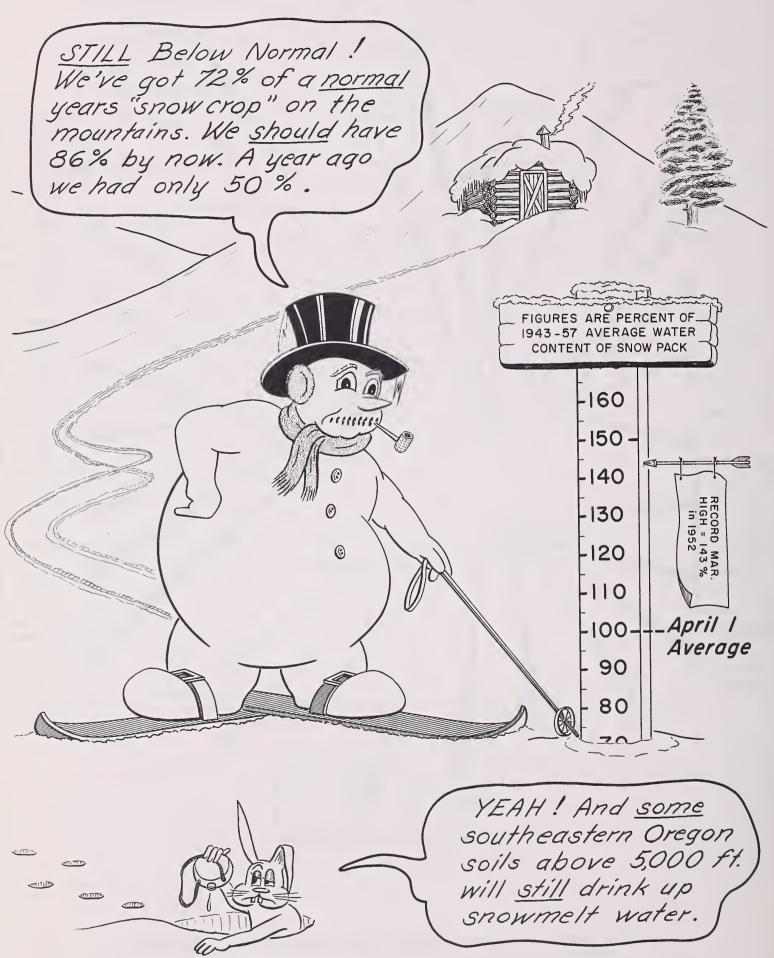
^{*-} Multiple purpose reservoir - space reserved primarily for flood runoff.
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^{**-} Capacity of reservoir greatly increased but current storage compared with previous average.

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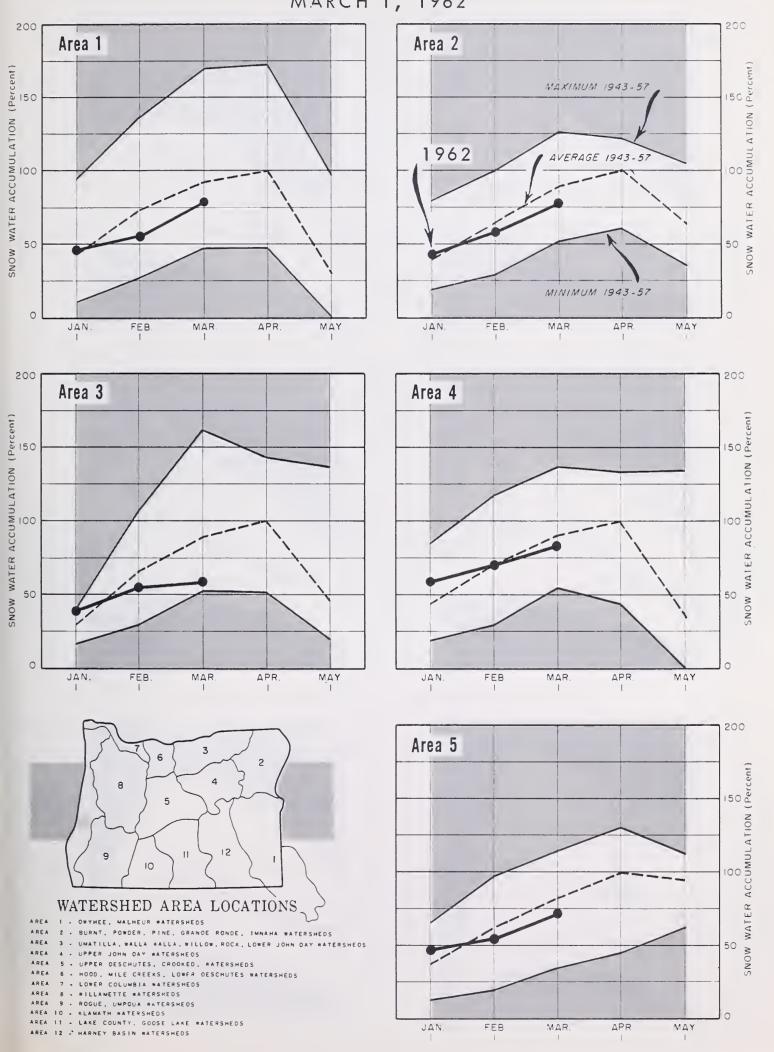
OREGON SNOW PACK ACCUMULATION

AS OF MARCH 1, 1962



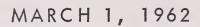
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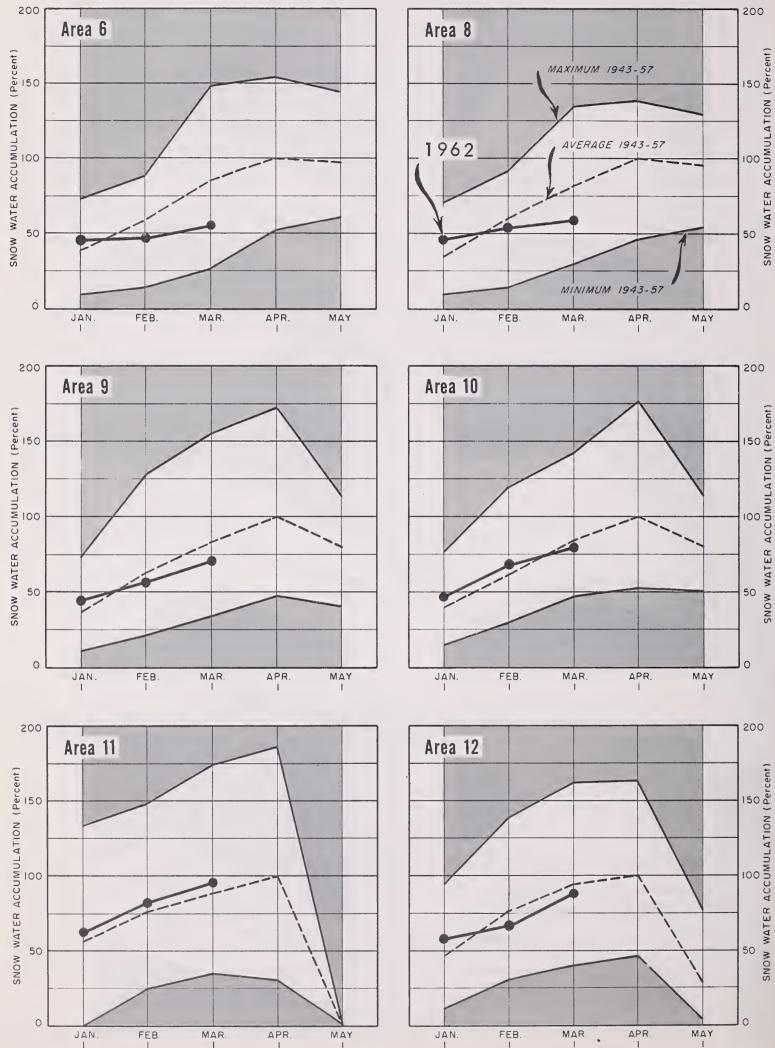
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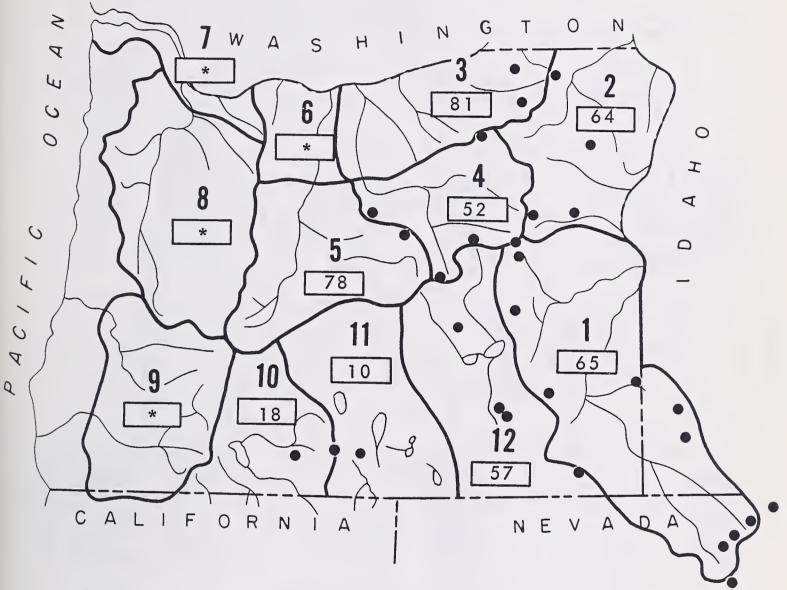
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MOUNTAIN SOIL MOISTURE in OREGON as percent of available capacity

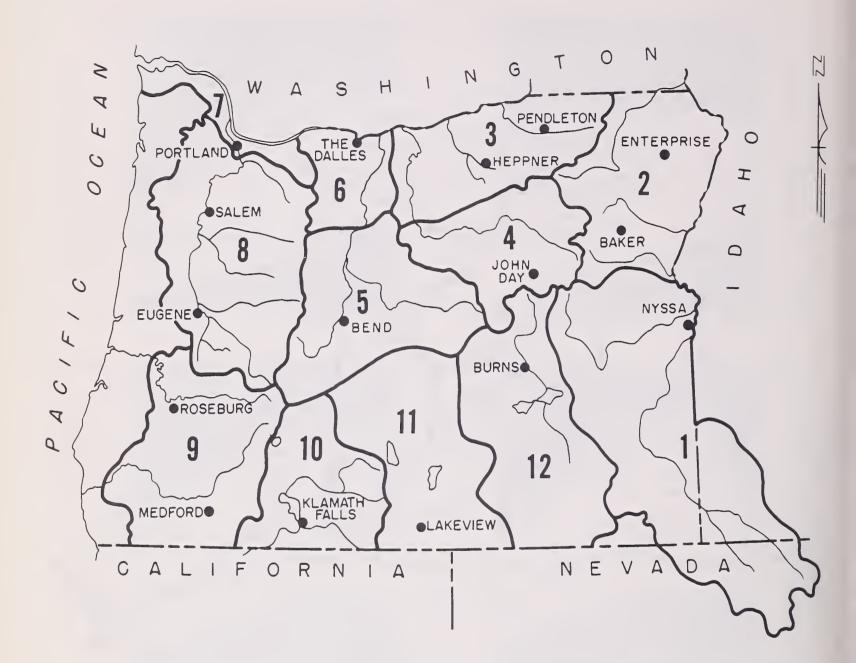
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Soil Moisture Station

*Moisture studies not yet developed in these areas.

VALLEY PRECIPITATION in OREGON a MARCH 1, 1962

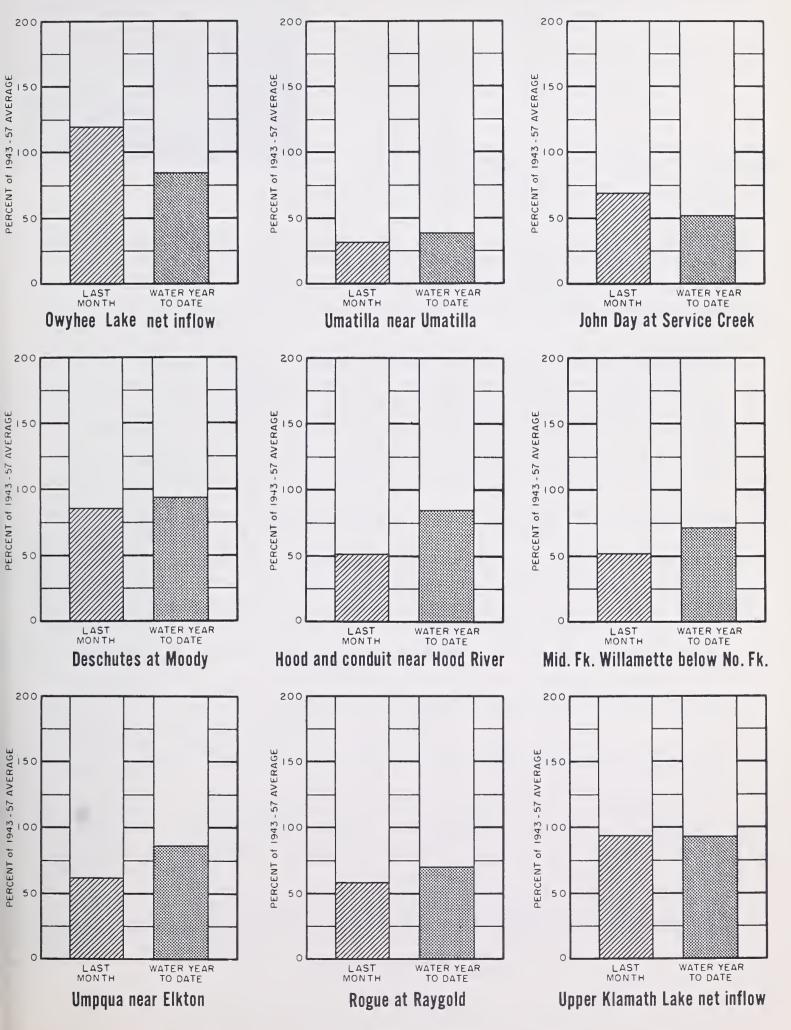


PRECIPITATION as PERCENT of the 1943 - 57 AVERAGE						
STATION	LAST MONTH	WATER b YEAR TO DATE	STATION	L A S T MON TH	WATER b YEAR TO DATE	
BAKER APT. BEND BURNS ENTERPRISE EUGENE APT HEPPNER JOHN DAY KLAMATH FALLS APT.	101 46 201 53 94 78 82 143	138 102 124 122 92 73 96 103	LAKEVIEW MEDFORD APT. NYSSA PENDLETON APT. PORTLAND APT. ROSEBURG APT. SALEM APT. THE DALLES	119 49 166 71 78 85 73 114	103 78 106 70 69 95 64 85	

(a) Preliminary data furnished by the U.S. Weather Bureau. (b) Oct. 1 to date. (c) Report delayed.

CURRENT OREGON STREAMFLOW

MARCH 1, 1962



Data furnished by U.S. Geological Survey; The California Oregon Power Co.; and North and South Boards of Control Owyhee Project.





WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK OWYHEE, MALHEUR

WATERSHEDS

as of MARCH 1, 1962

OREGON

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK - The 1962 irrigation water supply outlook for the Owyhee Project has improved during February from its barely adequate position of February 1st while the outlook for the Vale-Oregon and Warmsprings Irrigation Districts remains barely satisfactory. Carryover water supplies at season's end will depend almost entirely on good water management.

Watershed conditions are such that a "Chinook" occurring in the next few weeks could produce runoff of proportions greater than expected in present forecasts.

SNOW COVER - Water content of the mountain snowpack was greatly reduced below 5000 feet by mid-February thaws but has been satisfactorily replaced by late storms.

On the Owyhee the snow is only 6 percent below the 1943-57 average but it is 56 percent greater than last year on this date.

Malheur River watersheds have a snowpack 14 percent less than the average but 80 percent greater than on March 1st last year.

SOIL MOISTURE - Watershed soils under the snowpack, however, are wet to only about half of their capacity on the Malheur and about three-fourths of capacity on the Owyhee. The mid-February thaw greatly increased soil moisture at elevations below 5000 feet but in higher elevations the dry soils will soak up some early snowmelt.

RESERVOIR STORAGE - Stored water supplies in Malheur County are extremely short.

The Owyhee reservoir now holds 168,500 a.f. compared with 256,400 at this time last year. Between them, Warmsprings and Agency Valley reservoirs now contain 45,600 a.f. compared with 64,500 a year ago.

STREAMFLOW - Forecasted streamflow, together with limited stored water supplies is expected to provide sufficient water for a reasonable irrigation season in most areas.

For the Owyhee Project the March-July inflow to the reservoir is forecast at 328,000 a.f. or 63 percent of average. This water plus already stored supplies will provide a total of about 496,000 acre feet. Pumping from Snake River will complete the supply.

The Warmsprings Irrigation District with 27,300 a.f. already in storage, can expect a March-July flow of the Malheur near Drewsey of 105,000 a.f. for a total of 132,000 acre feet of water.

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Flow of the North Fork of the Malheur at Beulah is expected to be 59,000 acre feet for the April-September period. This water plus 18,300 already in storage plus an estimated 16,000 acre feet expected in March would give the Vale-Oregon District a total of 93,000 acre feet.

Water supplies for Jordan Valley are only slightly better than last year, while supplies in Willow Creek are much improved.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Poor", "Fair" "Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD			
STREAM OF AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON		
Boulder Creek Bully Creek Cow Creek Jordan Creek Jordan Valley Irrig. Dist. McDermitt Creek Oregon Canyon Creek Owyhee Project Succor Creek Ten Mile Creek Vale Oregon Irrig. Dist.	Fair Fair Fair Average Fair Fair Average Fair Average Fair Fair	Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Average Fair Fair		
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RESERVOIR STORAGE (1.000 Ac. Ft.)

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RESERVOIR	USABLE	MEASUR	f Month)	
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943 - 57 AVERAGE
Agency Valley Antelope Owyhee Warmsprings	60.0 55.0 715.0 191.0	18.3 7.0 168.5 27.3	25.9 5.4 256.4 38.6	33.6 10.1 473.1 83.0

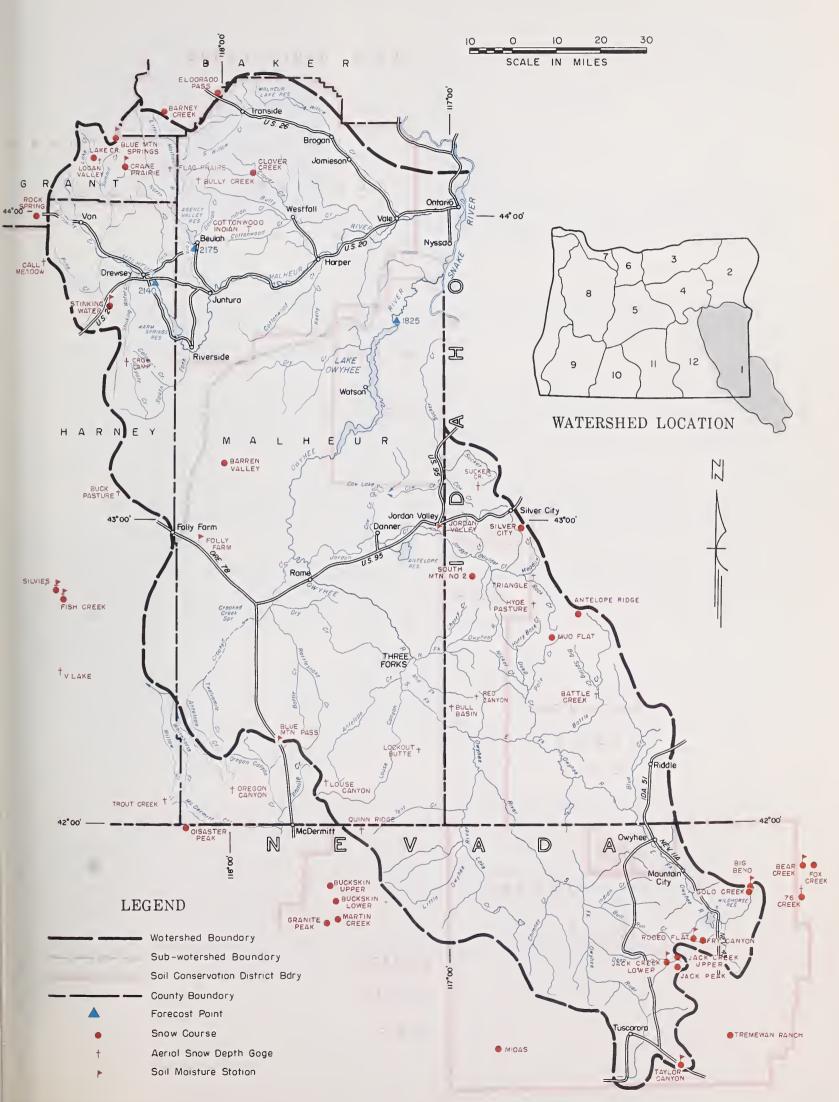
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR FORECAST		1943-57 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT, OF AVERAGE
2140 2175 1825	Malheur near Drewsey Malheur, North Fork at Beulah ^d Owyhee Reservoir net Inflow ^g	75 105 59 328	April-Sept. March-July April-Sept. March-July	81 108 64 524	93 97 92 63

VAILABLE SOIL MOISTURE		PROFILI	E (Inches)	SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)				
STATION		DEPTH	AVAILABLE	DATE	THIS	LAST	2 YEARS	
NAME	ELEVATION	DE1 111	CAPACITY	54.5	YEAR	YEAR	AGO	
Bear Creek (Nev.)	7800	72	7.0	h	j,			
Big Bend (Nev.)	6700	48	9.6	1/29/62	6.7 ¹	7.8	9.2	
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	42	12.0	2/26/62	3.0	4.5		
Crane Prairie	5375	48	9.9	2/26/62	5.8	6.4		
Folly Farm	4450	30	6.9	2/23/62	4.4	4.8	5.3	
Jack Creek, Lower (Nev.)	6800	48	4.9	2/27/62	4.7	4.4	4.1	
Jordan Valley	4250	48	9.8	2/23/62	5.2	5.9	5.9	
Rodeo Flat (Nev.)	6800	42	6.0	1/29/62	6.0 i	6.0		
Stinking Water Summit	4800	48	11.7	2/23/62	10.2	11.2	10.3	
Taylor Canyon (Nev.)	6200	48	9.7	3/1/62	9.0	6.6	6.5	

⁽a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. (f) Report delayed. (g) USBR records of inflow. (h) Not surveyed. (i) Nearest current data. (j) Partly estimated. (*) 1943-57 Adjusted average.

OWYHEE, MALHEUR WATERSHEDS



SNOW		CUR	RENT INFORMA	PAST RECORD			
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER	WATER CONTENT (Inches		
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE	
Antelope Ridge	5900	2/26	8	1.2	1.7		
Barney Creek	5950	2/21	30	8.3	4.9	7.7*	
Battle Creek ^e (Ida.)	5700	2/26 -	6	1.2	1.9		
Bear Creek (Nev.)	7800	2/26	69	20.3	9.4	17.1*	
Big Bend	6700	2/26	28	9.1	5.2	8.9	
Blue Mountain Spring	5900	2/26	44	13.0	10.9	15.2	
Buck Pasture e	5700	2/26	8	2.6	1.3		
Buckskin, Lower	6700	2/27	30	9.0	6.1	8.4*	
Buckskin, Upper	7200	2/27	27	9.4	6.8	7.9*	
Bull Basin e	5600	2/26	5	1.0	0.3		
Bully Creek e	5300	2/26	14	3.9	0.0		
Call Meadows e	5340	2/26	21	5.9	2.6		
Clover Creek	4100	h					
Cottonwood-Indian e	4320	2/26	9	2.5	0.0		
Crane Prairie	5375	2/26	28	7.2	6.2	9.6	
Disaster Peak	6500	f					
Eldorado Pass	4600	2/26	11	2.8	0.0		
Fish Creek	7900	2/22	65	18.1	16.8		
Flag Prairie	4750	2/26	14	3.9	0.0		
Fox Creek	6800	2/26	32	8.7	4.5	8.4*	
Fry Canyon	6700	2/26	20	6.1	4.9	8.2	
Gold Creek	6600	2/26	14	4.8	2.1	6.3*	
Granite Peak	7800	f f	1 11	1.0	2.1	0.5	
Hyde Pasture	5800	2/26	9	1.8	1.9		
Jack Creek, Lower	6800	2/27	11	2.5	2.0	3.2	
Jack Creek, Upper	7250	2/27	34	10.0	6.5	9.7*	
Jack Peak	8420	2/27	81	25.5	17.6	9./"	
Lake Creek	5120	2/26	32	8.4	7.3	10.7	
Logan Valley	5100	2/26	26	6.5	6.0	10.7	
Lookout Butte ^e	5650	2/26	2	0.6	0.0		
Louse Canyon e	6440	2/26	18	5.8	0.7		
Martin Creek	6700	2/28	39	12.4	6.2	8.2	
Midas	7200	2/23	24	7.8	T	4.7*	
Mud Flat	5500	2/26	12	2.4	3.3	4./	
Oregon Canyon ^e	6950	2/26	22	7.0	4.6		
Quinn Ridge e	6300	2/26	6	1.9	0.3		
Red Canyon ^e	6500	2/26	16	3.2	5.0		
Rock Spring	5100	2/27	20	5.0	1.7	5.9	
Rodeo Flat	6800	2/26	15	4.8	4.0	8.2	
Silver City	6400	3/3	54	13.9	9.4	14.8*	
Silvies	6900	2/22	34	12.2	6.3	14.0	
South Mountain No. 2	6340	2/26	30	8.2		1114	
Stinking Water	4800	2/26	13	4.0	8.2 0.0	11.4	
Succor Creek e	6100	2/26	20	4.0		4.0	
							
Taylor Canyon	6200	3/1	10	2.6	0.7	5.0	
Tremewan Ranch	5700	2/26	0	0.0	T	1.9	
Triangle e	5150	2/26	0.5	0.1	0.3		
Trout Creek e	7800	2/26	28	9.0	5.3		
76 Creek ^e	7100	f	1.0	9.0	0.0		
"V" Lake ^e	l 6600	2/22	12	3.8	2.0		



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK BURNT, POWDER, PINE, GRANDE RONDE, IMNAHA WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The 1962 irrigation water supply outlook for three Northeastern Oregon counties, Baker, Union and Wallowa, has been dimmed slightly in the past month by a shortage of snowfall but remains mostly satisfactory.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack has not increased normally during February and is now 11 percent below the 15 year average (1943-57) and 24 percent greater than on March 1st last year. Low elevation snow cover is the best in several years.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the top 3 to 4 feet of soils under the snow on upper watersheds is 36 percent below capacity and 17 percent below that measured one year ago. Some early snowmelt water will be soaked up by these soils as runoff gets under way.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Wallowa Lake now contains 13,800 acre feet of water compared with 14,500 a.f. on March 1st last year and with 16,100 a.f. average. Unity reservoir has 11,500 acre feet in storage, the same as last year at this date, and is ahead of the 9,100 acre feet average.

STREAMFLOW

The March-June flow of the Burnt River near Hereford is forecast at 46,000 acre feet or 90 percent of the 15 year average (1943-57). The April-July flow of the Powder River near Baker is forecast at 58,000 acre feet or 89 percent of average. Catherine Creek, as measured near Union, should produce 72,000 acre feet or 99 percent of average.

The Grande Ronde at LaGrande should flow 205,000 acre feet or 84 percent average March through September. Other tributaries on the Wallowa River are forecast to flow as follows: Hurricane Creek, 88 percent; Bear Creek, 97 percent; Lostine River, 98 percent; and East Fork of Wallowa, 99 percent for the April-September period. The Imnaha River is forecast at 105 percent of average or 330,000 acre feet for the April-September period.

The above forecasts have all been reduced slightly from estimates issued on February 1st.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Poor", "Fair" "Average" or "Excellent"

RESERVOIR STORA	GE (1,000	Ac. Ft.
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STREAM or AREA	STREAM or AREA FLOW PERIOD	RESERVOIR	USABLE				
	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	NEOEKVOIK	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	
lder Slope	Average	Fair	Unity	25.2	11.5	11.6	ĺ
aker Valley	Average	Fair	Wallowa Lake	37.5	13.8	14.5	
ig Creek	Average	Fair					
lover Creek (nr. N. Powder)	Average	Fair					
ove	Average	Fair					
urkee	Average	Fair					ı
agle Valley	Average	Fair			İ		ı
lgin	Average	Fair					ı
nterprise-Joseph	Average	Average					ı
ereford-Bridgeport	Average	Average					I
nnaha River	Average	Fair					۱
aGrande-Island City	Average	Fair					1
ostine-Wallowa	Average	Fair					ı
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ine Valley	Average	Fair					ı
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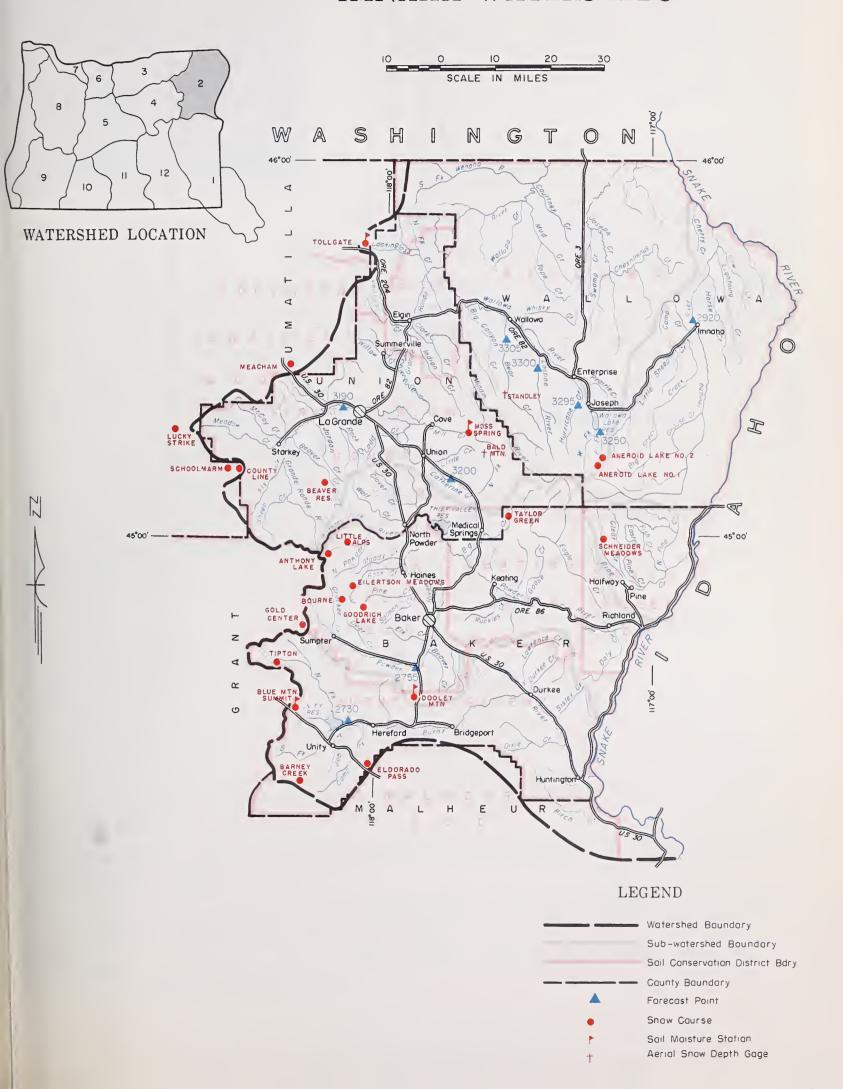
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1943 - 57 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
3305 2730 3200 3190 3295 2920 3300 2755 3250	Bear near Wallowa Burnt near Hereford ^d Catherine near Union Grande Ronde at LaGrande Hurricane near Joseph Imnaha at Imnaha Lostine near Lostine Powder near Baker Wallowa, East Fork near Joseph ^d	72 46 72 200 205 43 330 130 60 58 12.0 9.7	April-Sept. March-June April-Sept. March-Sept. April-Sept. April-Sept. April-Sept. April-Sept. April-Sept. April-July April-July	74 51 73 242 245 49 314 133 66 65 12.1 9.7	97 90 99 83 84 88 105 98 91 89 99

STATION		DESTU	AVAILABLE	DATE	THIS	LAST	2 YEARS
NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	YEAR	YEAR	AGO
lue Mountain Summit migrant Springs ollgate	5100 3925 5070	36 48 48	10.4 15.0 17.8	2/22/62 1/26/62 2/27/62	1.0 10.9 ⁱ 15.8	3.4 13.7 16.4	2.8

⁽a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. (f) Report delayed. (g) Water content partly estimated. (h) Not surveyed. (i) Nearest current data. (j) Partly estimated. (*) 1943-57 Adjusted averages.

BURNT, POWDER, PINE, GRANDE RONDE, IMNAHA WATERSHEDS



Burnt, Powder, Pine, Grande Ronde, Imnaha Watersheds

SNOW		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		
. SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inches		
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE	
Aneroid Lake No. 1	7480	2/23	96	32.8	28.2	33.4*	
Aneroid Lake No. 2	7000	2/23	76	25.4	22.8	26.2*	
Anthony Lake	7125	2/26	71	22.6	19.3	25.2*	
Bald Mountain (Ore.)	6700	f				2012	
Barney Creek	5950	2/21	30	8.3	4.9	7.7*	
Beaver Reservoir	5340	2/26	35	10.1	8.4	10.6	
Blue Mountain Summit	5098	2/22	29	7.8	5.2	9.0	
Bourne	5800	2/23	55	14.2	11.3	16.5*	
County Line	4800	2/27	17	5.3	2.7	7.6*	
Dooley Mountain	5430	2/21	30	8.5	4.9	8.8	
Eilertson Meadows	5400	2/24	37	9.4	7.7	11.1*	
Eldorado · Pass	4600	2/24	11	2.8	0.0	11.1"	
Gold Center	5340	2/23	44	12.3	9.1	19.0*	
	6775	f	144	12.5	9.1	12.8*	
Goodrich Lake	6200		4:5	1.0.0	0.0		
Little Alps		2/26		12.0	8.8	70.0	
Lucky Strike	5050	2/23	43	10.3	9.0	12.3	
Meacham	4300	2/27	26	6.2	2.0	9.9	
Moss Spring	5850	2/27	66	20.8	14.9	22.4	
Schneider Meadows	5400	2/26	89	28.8	27.5	29.5*	
Schoolmarm	4775	2/27	13	3.9	2.1	6.4*	
Standley ^e	7400	2/26	83	28.2	25.5		
Taylor Green	5740	2/24	48	13.8			
Tipton	5100	2/22	30	8.3	7.5	11.0*	
Tollgate	5070	2/27	55	18.8	17.2	26.2	
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK UMATILLA, WALLA WALLA, WILLOW, ROCK, LOWER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK - The 1962 outlook for irrigation water supplies in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties has been dimmed slightly from the near adequate outlook of February 1st by a shortage of snowfall during most of February. Forecasts have been revised slightly downward and storage water is seriously short in McKay reservoir.

SNOW COVER - Water content of the mountain snowpack is 32 percent below the 15 year average (1943-57) and 39 percent greater than on March 1st last year.

A stepped up intensity of snow storms for the remainder of the winter will be needed if this area is to have average water supplies.

SOIL MOISTURE - Moisture in the top 3 to 4 feet of the soil immediately under the snowpack at upper elevations is about 80 percent of capacity and is favorable to a good runoff from melting snow.

RESERVOIR STORAGE - Storage of water in Cold Springs reservoir is now up to 40,400 acre feet and heading for its capacity of 50,000 acre feet.

McKay reservoir contains only 18,800 acre feet, the lowest for the March 1st date since 1955 when only 13,000 a.f. were stored. Last year there were 35,000 acre feet in this reservoir on March 1st.

STREAMFLOW - McKay Creek is forecast to flow 40,000 acre feet in the March-July period or 83 percent of the 15 year average (1943-57). Together with the 18,800 acre feet now held in the reservoir, this source will provide about 59,000 acre feet and the reservoir will not be apt to fill. A real old-time "Chinook" in the next few weeks would be valuable to McKay Creek water users but it would reduce the total water outlook for others in the area who are without reservoirs to catch and hold early runoff.

Flow of the Umatilla at Pendleton is forecast at 81 percent for the April-September period or 151,000 acre feet.

Forecast for the South Fork of the Walla Walla near Milton calls for an 84 percent flow of 64,000 acre feet in the April-September period.

Smaller streams such as Birch, Butter, Willow, Rhea and Rock Creeks will have below average flows this season.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Poor", "Fair" "Average" or "Fycellent"

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD			RESERVOIR	USABLE
OTREAM OF AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON		REGERVOIR	CAPACIT
Birch Creek	Fair	Fair		Cold Springs	50.0
Butter Creek	Fair	Fair	1 1	McKay	73.8
Dry Creek	Fair	Fair			
Dugger Creek	Fair	Fair			
Johnson Creek	Fair	Fair			
McKay Creek	Average	Fair			
Mill Creek	Average	Fair			
Mud Creek	Average	Fair			1
Pine Creek	Average	Fair			i
Rhea Creek	Average	Fair			
Rock Creek	Average	Fair			
Umatilla River (Cold					
Springs Res.)	Average	Fair			
Umatilla River, Main	Fair	Fair			
Umatilla River (McKay Res.)	Fair	Fair			
Walla Walla River, Little	Fair	Fair			
Walla Walla River, Main	Fair	Fair			
Walla Walla River, N. Fork	Fair	Fair			
Walla Walla River, S. Fork	Fair	Fair			
Willow Creek	Fair	Fair			
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MEDERION STORAGE	(1,000				
RESERVOIR	USABLE	MEASURED (First of Month)			
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943 - 57 AVERAGE	
Cold Springs McKay	50.0 73.8	40.4 18.8	48.5 35.0	38.6 44.1	
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STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

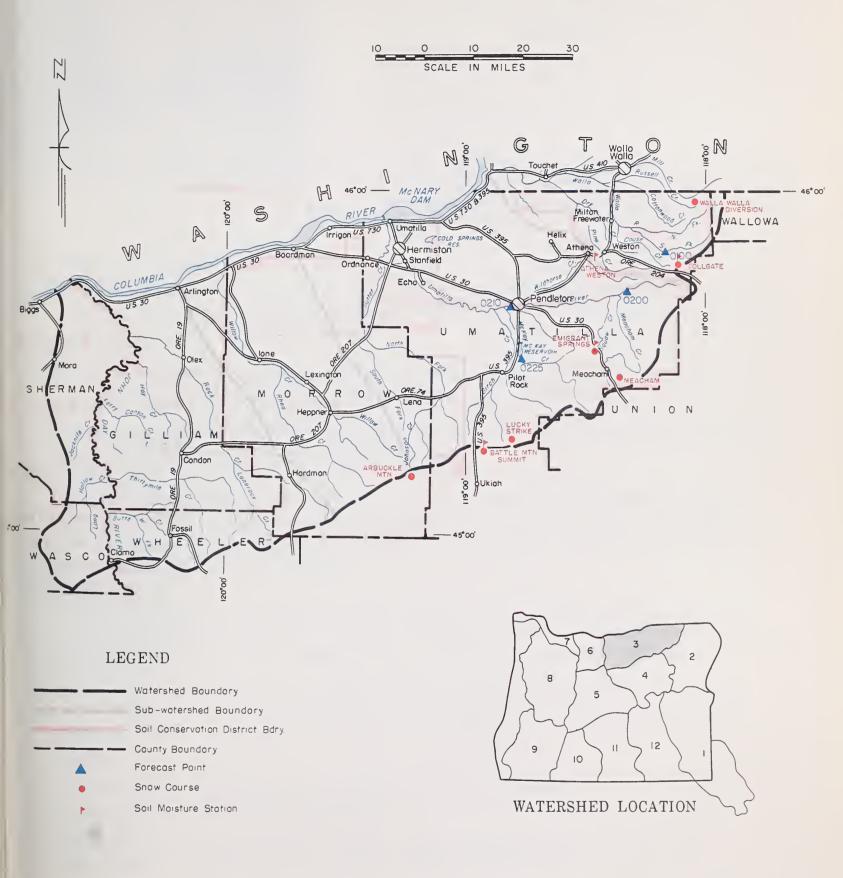
NO.	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
0225	McKay near Pilot Rock	40	March-July	48	83
0200	Umatilla near Gibbon	78	April-Sept.	96	81
0210	Umatilla at Pendleton	151	April-Sept.	187	81
		146	April-July	182	80
0100	Walla Walla, South Fork near Milton	64	April-Sept.	76	84
		52	April-July	62	84

AVAILABLE SOIL MOISTURE		PROFILE	(Inches)		SOIL MOISTU	RE (Inches)	
STATION NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	AVAILABLE CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
Athena-Weston Battle Mountain Summit Emigrant Springs Tollgate	1700 4340 3925 5070	48 48 48 48	11.8 8.0 15.0 17.8	2-27-62 2-28-62 1-26-62 2-27-62	9.7 6.0 10.9 ⁱ 15.8	7.0 6.3 13.7 16.4	6.9 5.3 16.4

CURRENT INFORMATION		PAST	RECORD		
	I DATE OF I CNOW DEDTUI		WATER	WATER CON	TENT (Inches)
ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE
5400	2/27	37	9.0	6.0	11.1*
4340	2/28	12	1.9	T	
3925	2/27	9	1.4	0.1	7.3
5050	2/23	43	10.3	9.0	12.3
4300	2/27	26	6.2	2.0	9.9
5070	2/27	55	18.8	17.2	26.2
	5400 4340 3925 5050 4300	DATE OF SURVEY 5400 2/27 4340 2/28 3925 2/27 5050 2/23 4300 2/27	DATE OF SURVEY (Inches) 5400 2/27 37 4340 2/28 12 3925 2/27 9 5050 2/23 43 4300 2/27 26	DATE OF SURVEY SNOW DEPTH (Inches) WATER CONTENT (Inches)	DATE OF SURVEY SNOW DEPTH (Inches) WATER CONTENT (Inches) LAST YEAR

⁽a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. (f) Report delayed. (g) Nearest current data. (h) Partly estimated.

UMATILLA, WALLA WALLA, WILLOW, ROCK, LOWER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS



Umatilla, Walla Walla, Willow, Rock, Lower John Day Watersheds



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK UPPER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The 1962 irrigation water supply outlook for Upper John Day watersheds has dimmed slightly from the near average outlook of February 1st because snowfall and precipitation have failed to increase normally.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack is 44 percent greater than last year on March 1st and is 9 percent below the 15 year average (1943-57) accumulation.

Remaining winter storms will have to produce much above normal amounts of snow to provide normal streamflow this irrigation season.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the top 3 or 4 feet of soils immediately under the snowpack on upper watershed areas is 52 percent of capacity and 20 percent drier than on March 1st one year ago. These relatively dry soils will soak up some early snowmelt water before any heavy runoff can begin.

STREAMFLOW

Flow of the John Day at Service Creek* has been only half normal (51 percent) in the October-February period. This low flow appears to be a reflection of the very dry watershed soils and the absence of any outstanding mid-winter snow melt.

Flow of the John Day at Prairie City is forecast at 54,000 acre feet or 92 percent of average for the March-July period. The Middle Fork at Ritter is expected to produce 142,000 acre feet or 90 percent of the average for the same March-July period.

Strawberry Creek near Prairie City should produce 7,400 acre feet or 81 percent of the average April-September period.

Flows of smaller streams such as Indian, Pine, Beech and Long Creeks will be definitely below the usual amounts but better than last season.

*Preliminary data furnished by U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Poor", "Fair" "Average" or "Excellent"

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

STREAM or AREA	FLOW	PERIOD
STREAM OF AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Beech Creek Beech CrFox-Long Crs. Bridge-Mountain Creeks Camas Creek Cherry Creek Indian-Pine Creeks John Day River, Main Fork John Day River, Mid. Fork John Day River, N. Fork John Day River, S. Fork Monument-Kimberly Strawberry Creek	Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Average Average Average Average Fair	Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair

RESERVOIR STORAGE	(1,000	AU. It.		
RESERVOIR	USABLE	MEASUR	ED (First o	f Month)
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943 - 57 AVERAGE

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

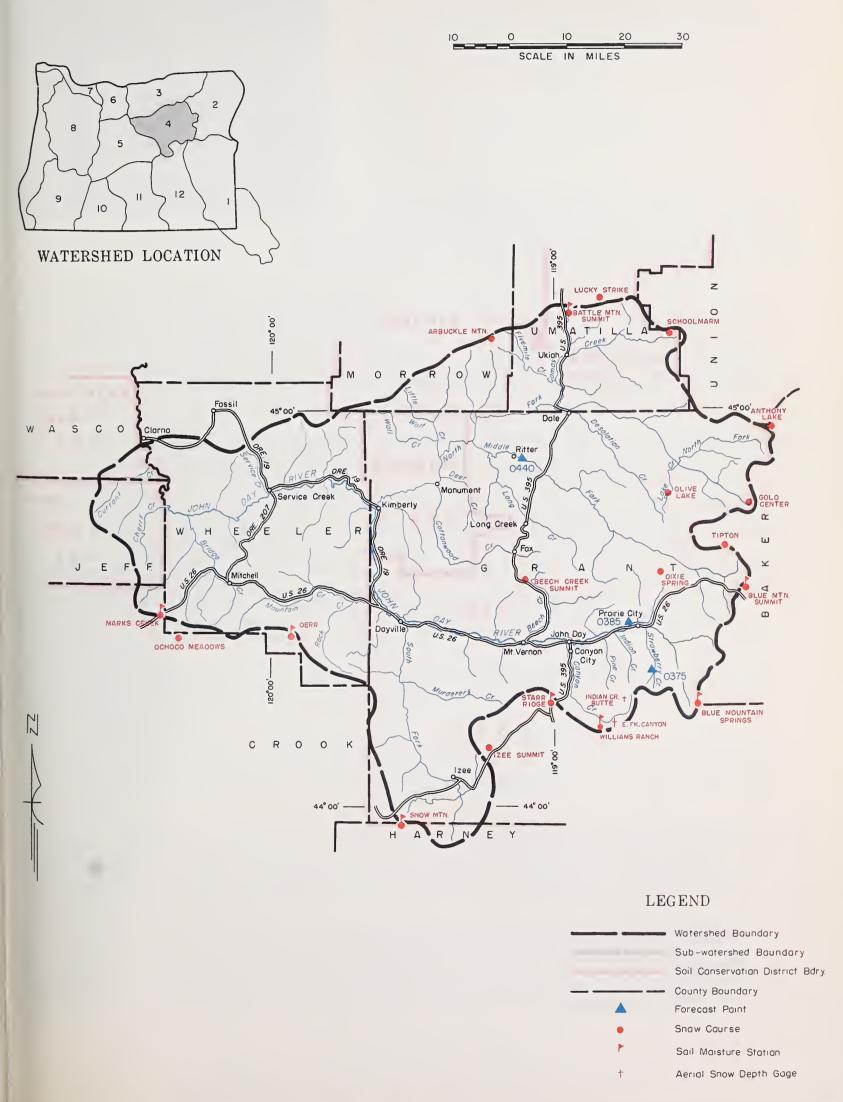
NO.	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
0385	John Day at Prairie City	54	March-July	59	92
0440	John Day, Middle Fork at Ritter	142	March-July	158	90
0375	Strawberry near Prairie City	7.4	April-Sept.	9.1	81

VAILABLE SOIL MOISTURE		PROFILE	(Inches)	SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)					
STATION	STATION		DERTH AVAILABLE		DEPTH AVAILABLE		THIS	LAST	2 YEARS
NAME	ELEVATION	CAPACI	CAPACITY	DATE YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	AGO		
Battle Mountain Summit	4340	48	8.0	2/28/62	6.0	6.3	5.3		
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	42	12.0	2/26/62	3.0	4.5			
Blue Mountain Summit	5100	36	10.4	2/22/62	1.0	3.4	2.8		
Marks Creek	4540	36	8.3	2/26/62	6.2	5.5	2.4		
Snow Mountain	6300	48	10.4	2/20/62	8.4				
Starr Ridge	5150	36	6.1	2/26/62	4.1	5.0	5.1		

SNOW		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER	WATER CONTENT (Inches	
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	CONTENT (Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE
Anthony Lake	7125	2/26	71	22.6	19.3	25.2*
Arbuckle Mountain	5400	2/27	37	9.0	6.0	11.1*
Battle Mountain Summit	4340	2/28	12	1.9	т	
Beech Creek Summit	4800	2/27	20	6.2	0.0	5.8
Blue Mountain Spring	5900	2/26	44	13.0	10.9	15.2
Blue Mountain Summit	5098	2/22	29	7.8	5.2	9.0
Derr	5670	2/27	38	9.8	5.8	
East Fork Canyon e	5700	2/26	38	10.6		
Gold Center	5340	2/23	44	12.3	9.1	12.8*
Indian Creek Butte ^e	6550	2/26	69	19.3	19.1	
Izee Summit	5293	2/23	32	8.1	5.4	8.1
Lucky Strike	5050	2/23	43	10.3	9.0	12.3
Marks Creek	4 54 0	2/26	18	5.2	0.0	4.3
Ochoco Meadows	5200	2/26	44	12.1	4.5	10.3
Olive Lake	6000	2/28	60	16.7	12.1	18.6
Schoolmarm	4775	2/27	13	3.9	2.1	6.4*
Snow Mountain	6300	2/20	47	12.8		13.0*
Starr Ridge	5150	2/26	19	5.0	2.8	6.0
Tipton	5100	2/22	30	8.3	7.5	11.0*
Williams Ranch	4500	2/26	T	T	0.0	

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UPPER JOHN DAY WATERSHEDS



Upper John Day Watersheds



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK UPPER DESCHUTES, CROOKED WATERSHEDS

OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK - The 1962 irrigation water supply outlook for the Deschutes - Crooked watersheds has been dimmed somewhat from the near average outlook of February 1st by the lack of a normal increase in the snowpack this past month.

SNOW COVER - Water content of the mountain snowpack on the Deschutes watersheds is 15 percent below the 15 year average (1943-57) and 56 percent above last year on this date.

Snow cover on Crooked watersheds is 6 percent above the average and nearly three times greater than last year on March 1st. Low elevation snow cover is the best in years.

SOIL MOISTURE - Moisture in the top 3 to 4 feet of soils immediately under the snowpack is 22 percent below capacity on Crooked watersheds. This is much wetter than usual and will favor runoff into streams. Deschutes soils are also favorably wet.

RESERVOIR STORAGE - Ochoco reservoir now contains 14,400 acre feet of water compared with 10,800 a.f. last year on March 1st and the average (1943-57) of 28,500 a.f. Prineville reservoir, which has spilled some for flood control operations, now has 92,300 acre feet of water.

Stored water in Wickiup is ahead of last year with 166,900 acre feet now held compared with 155,000 a.f. a year ago. Storage in Crane Prairie and Crescent Lakes is equal to that of last year.

STREAMFLOW - Inflow to Ochoco reservoir is forecast at 38,000 acre feet or 84 percent of the 15 year average (1943-57) for the March-July period. Flow of Crooked River near Post is expected to be 160,000 acre feet or 89 percent of average for the same period.

Deschutes River at Benham Falls is forecast at 485,000 acre feet or 81 percent of average for the April-September period. The Little Deschutes, measured near Lapine, is expected to produce 85,000 acre feet or 74 percent of average for the March-July period.

Squaw and Tumalo Creeks are forecast to produce 54,000 and 51,000 acre feet or 98 and 93 percent of average, respectively, for the April-September period. The Plainview-McCallister canal should carry water into late July this year and the Snow Creek irrigation system should have the best water supplies since 1958.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Paar", "Fair" "Average" or "Excellent"

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STREAM or AREA	FLOW I	PERIOD
OTTEAM OF AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Arnold Irrigation District Bear Creek Beaver Creek Camp Creek Central Ore. Irrig. Dist. Crooked River Deschutes River Hay-Trout Creeks Lone Pine Irrig. Dist. Mill Creek North Unit Irrig. Dist. Ochoco Creek Plainview-McCallister Sisters Irrigation Dist. Snow Creek Irrig. Dist. Squaw Creek Irrig. Dist. Swalley Ditch Tumalo Project Walker Basin Irrig. Dist.	Average	Average Fair Fair Average Fair Fair Average Fair Average Fair Average Fair Average Average Average Average Average Fair

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

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RESERVOIR	USABLE	MEASURED (First of Month)			
NEGER VOIN	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943 - 57 AVERAGE	
Crane Prairie Crescent Lake Ochoco Prineville Wickiup	55.3 117.2 47.5 153.0 182.0	38.1 41.4 14.4 92.3 166.9	37.7 41.3 10.8 155.1	44.1 47.3 28.5 133.3	
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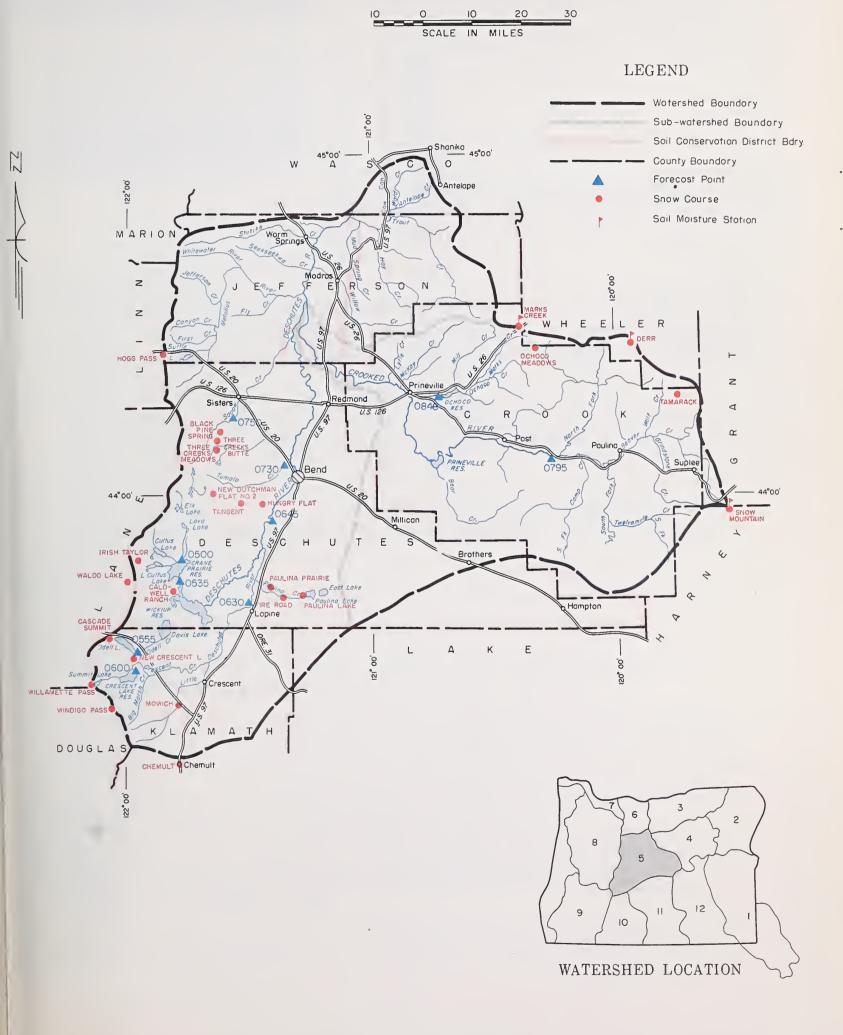
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS 4 (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT		FORECAST	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT.
NO.	NAME	THIS YEAR		AVERAGE	OF AVERAGE
0535	Crane Prairie Reservoir total Inflow	115	April-Sept.	143	80
0600	Crescent at Crescent Lake'd	20	March-July	28	71
0795	Crooked near Post	160	March-July	179	89
0645	Deschutes at Benham Falls d	485	April-Sept.	602	81
		325	April-July	404	80
0500	Deschutes below Snow Creek	60	April-Sept.	74	81
0630	Deschutes, Little near Lapine d	85	March-July	115	74
0848	Ochoco Reservoir net Inflow	38	March-July	45	84
0555	Odell near Crescent	28	April-Sept.	34	82
0750	Squaw near Sisters	54	April-Sept.	55	98
0730	Tumalo near Bend d	51	April-Sept.	55	93

STATION		DCDTII	AVAILABLE	DATE	THIS	LAST	2 YEARS
NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	YEAR	YEAR	AGO
Marks Creek Snow Mountain	4540 6300	36 48	8.3 10.4	2/26/62 2/20/62	6.2 8.4	5.5 	2.4

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UPPER DESCHUTES, CROOKED WATERSHEDS



Upper Deschutes, Crooked Watersheds

		RECORD
SNOW COURSE DATE OF SNOW DEPTH WATER		ITENT (Inches)
NAME ELEVATION SURVEY (Inches) (Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE
DATE OF SNOW DEPTH CONTEN	Г	-



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK HOOD, MILE CREEKS, LOWER DESCHUTES WATERSHEDS

OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The 1962 irrigation water supply outlook for the Hood River - Wasco County area has been further dimmed from the below average outlook of February 1st by a continuing shortage of snow. However, month-end storms appear to be improving the situation.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack is 40 percent below the March 1 average for the 15 year period (1943-57) but is 41 percent greater than at this date a year ago.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the top 3 or 4 feet of soils immediately under the snowpack in upper watershed areas is about normal for this season of the year. Soils at lower elevations are well "primed".

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Storage in Clear Lake is up to 4,457 acre feet. There are no reports from other reservoirs in the area.

STREAMFLOW

Flow of Hood River* during February was only half normal and the flow from October 1, 1961 to date has been 83 percent of the 1943-57 average.

Forecasts of flow for Hood River near Hood River indicate the April-September flow will be about 288,000 acre feet or 79 percent of average. The West Fork of Hood near Dee is forecast at 140,000 acre feet for the same six-month period.

White River below Tygh Valley is forecast to produce 135,000 acre feet or 76 percent of average for the April-September irrigation season.

Flows of Rock, Gate, Threemile and Badger Creeks as well as of Mosier, Mill, Fivemile, Eightmile and Fifteenmile Creeks will be better than last year – probably similar to those of 1960.

*Preliminary data furnished by U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Paor", "Fair" "Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW	PERIOD
STILLAW OF AILE	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Aldridge Ditch Badger Creek Dee Irrigation Dist. East Fork Irrig. Dist. Farmers Irrig. Dist. Hood River Irrig. Dist. Juniper Flat Irrig. Dist. Middle Fork Irrig. Dist. Mile Creeks Mill Creek Mount Hood Irrig. Dist. Rock-Gate-Threemile Crs. Tygh Creek White River	Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Average Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair	Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

MESERVOIR STORAGE	(1,000	No. It.		
RESERVOIR	USABLE	MEASUR	ED (First o	
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE
Clear Lake		4.5	4.8	

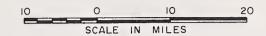
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

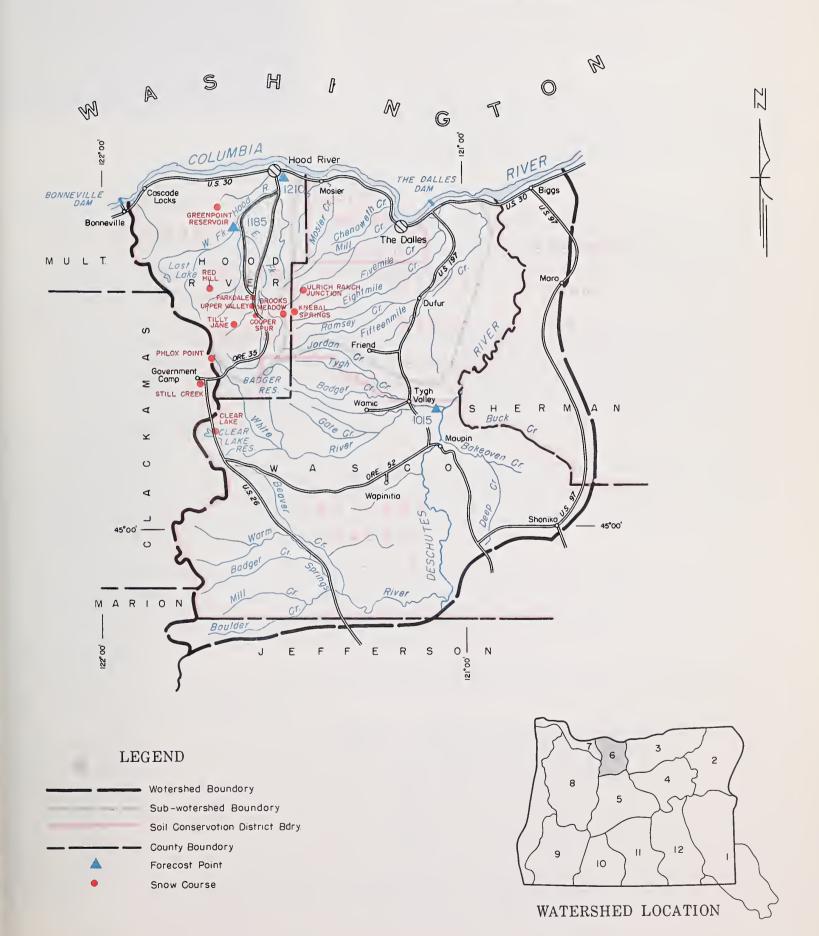
NO.	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
1210 1185 1015	Hood near Hood River d Hood, West Fork near Dee White below Tygh Valley	288 245 140 120 135 121	April-Sept. April-July April-Sept. April-July April-Sept. April-July	365 311 174 151 178 161	79 79 80 79 76 75

NOW		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE
Brooks Meadows	4300	2/26	24	5.6	2.5	
Clear Lake	3500	2/27	8	1.9	0.4	14.0*
Clear Lake Experimental	3500	2/27	24	7.0	2.0	
Cooper Spur	3490	С				
Greenpoint Reservoir	3400	2/25	28	7.6	0.5	16.7*
Knebal Springs	3850	2/26	19	4.6	1.5	
Parkdale	1770	С				
Phlox Point	5600	3/2	136	46.1	41.5	60.3
Red Hill	4400	2/25	62	21.0	17.4	44.2*
Still Creek	3700	2/26	36	11.9	7.9	25.5
Tilly Jane	6000	2/18	80	32.0	24.8	40.3*
Ulrich Ranch Junction	3350	2/26	13	2.8	1.0	
Upper Valley	2530	С				

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HOOD, MILE CREEKS, LOWER DESCHUTES WATERSHEDS





Hood, Mile Creeks, Lower Deschutes Watersheds



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK LOWER COLUMBIA WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The water supply outlook for spring and summer flow of the Columbia River near The Dalles has dropped as a result of light snowfall during February. The river is forecast to flow 93.0 million acre feet, which is 88 percent of the 15 year normal (1943-57) for the April-September period.

SNOW COVER

Snow courses, measured near March 1 in the United States and Canada indicate well below normal snowfall throughout the month of February. The northern portion of the Columbia Basin in Canada has a snowpack below normal, and the remainder of the basin in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Western Wyoming and Idaho is close to or well below average.

SOIL MOISTURE

Soil moisture conditions in the northern portion of Columbia Basin are poorer than they have been for many years. Base flow figures which usually reflect soil moisture status also indicate dry conditions on most northern tributaries. Base flow on the Kootenai River, however, is close to normal.

The number of soil moisture measurements made by means of electrodes in the soil beneath the snow has been increased significantly but records ore short. However, experience indicates that soil moisture conditions in general are much drier than last year for most tributaries in the Columbia Basin and drier than normal.

STREAMFLOW

Flow of the Columbia River near The Dalles* has been below normal and steadily declining since October 1st.

Month	Percent of Normal Discharge (1943-57)
October	91 adjusted for storage
November	80 " " "
December	73 " " "
January	82 " " "
February	98 " " "

^{*}Preliminary data furnished by U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

NO.	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
1057	Columbia at The Dalles	93,000 63,400	April-Sept. April-June	106,100 72,000	88 88

HISTORICAL DATA (Columbia River at The Dalles)

	S	TREAMFLOW C(1,000 A F	.)	PEAK ^e	
YEAR	APR.— SEPT.	APR. — JUNE	MAY — JUNE	(1,000 c.f.s)	DATE
1943	115,000	75,300	52,400	541	June 21
1944	61,900	39,200	32,100	326	June 19
1945	81,600	54,600	47,300	505	June 8
1946	108,100	75,400	59,600	581	May 30
1.947	100,300	70,000	56,800	536	May 11
1948	130,500	94,600	81,900	999	May 31
1949	95,700	71,400	56,000	622	May 18
1950	120,400	74,700	61,200	744	June 25
1951	113,000	75,600	59,100	597	May 26
1952	107,700	77,500	57,300	557	May 28
1953	100,600	64,900	55,800	609	June 17
1954	119,500	70,500	59,300	561	May 23
1955	99,500	58,300	50,300	545	June 26
1956	131,400	96,900	75,800	815	June 3
1957	105,700	80,500	67,200	700	May 22
1943-57 Avg.	106,100	72,000	58,100	616	
1958	97,700	72,000	58,600	593	May 31
1959	112,500	71,900	58,900	555	June 23

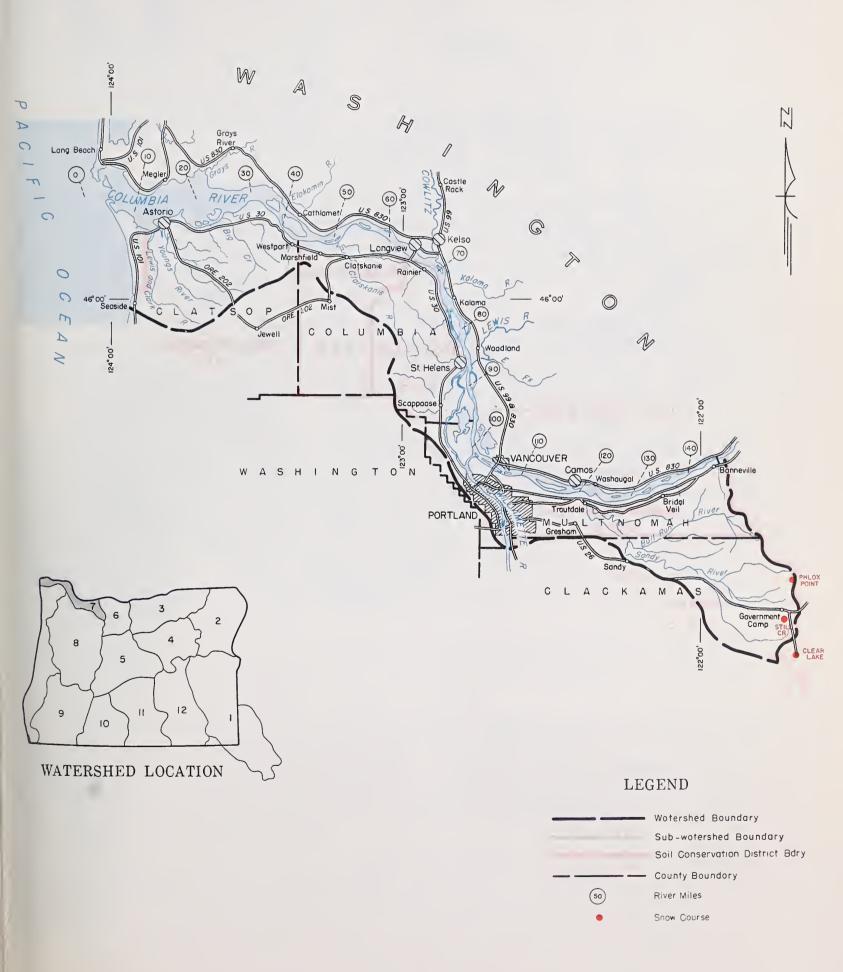
LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER FLOOD STAGES (with 9.5' tide at Astoria) f

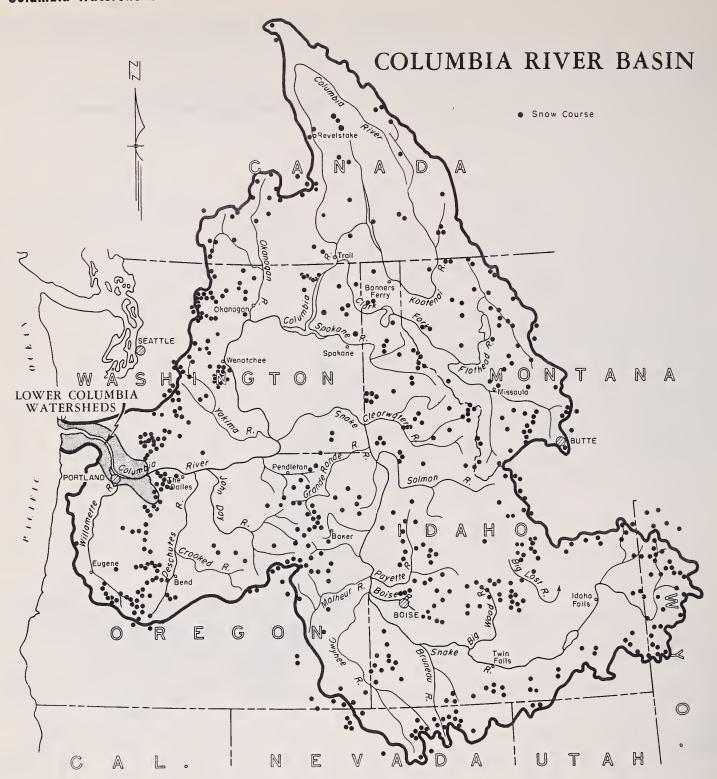
	DRAINAGE DISTRICT PUMPHOUSE							
VANCOUVER ^g	FLOW AT	SANDY	SAUVIE ISL.	SCAPPOOSE	DEER ISL.	RAINIER	BEAVER	WOODSON
GAGE	THE DALLES				RIVER MILES			
(Weather Bu.)	(1,000 c.f.s)	118.9	96.0	91.0	77.0	62.0	52.0	47. 0
35 (1894)	1210	41.2	34.2	33.3	28.5	21.9	17.5	15.5
34	1160	40.5	33.5	32.5	27.7	21.2	17.0	15.0
33	1100	39.6	32.4	31.4	26.7	20.2	16.1	14.3
32	1050	38.9	31.5	30.5	25.7	19.5	15.4	13.7
31 (1948)	1000	38.0	30.7	29.5	25.1	18.8	14.7	13.0
30	940	36.6	29.5	28.5	24.3	18.1	14.0	12.4
29	890	35.5	28.5	27.7	23.7	17.5	13.4	11.8
28	840	34.3	27.5	26.7	22.8	17.0	13.0	11.4
27 (1956)	790	33.0	26.5	25.6	21.8	16.2	12.5	11.0
26 (1950)	750	32.1	25.5	24.6	20.9	15.5	12.2	10.7
25	700	30.7	24.2	23.2	19.7	14.6	11.7	10.3
24	660	29.7	23.0	22.2	19.0	14.1	11.4	10.2
23	630	29.0	22.3	21.4	18.4	13.6	11.2	10.0
22	590	28.1	21.4	20.3	17.2	13.0	10.9	9.7
21	560	27.2	20.7	19.5	16.4	12.6	10.6	9.6
20	530	26.2	19.8	18.6	15.5	12.1	10.2	9.4
19	510	25.5	19.2	18.0	15.0	11.8	10.0	9.3
18	480	24.4	18.3	17.2	14.3	11.4	9.8	9.1
17	450	23.4	17.4	16.4	13.7	11.0	9.6	8.9
16	430	22.4	16.5	15.5	13.0	10.5	9.3	8.7

⁽a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. (c) Observed flow corrected for storage in F.D.R., Kootenai, Pend Oreille, Flathead, Hungry Horse, Lake Chelan, Coeur d'Alene and Grand Coulee Equalizer. (d) Not scheduled. (e) Observed peak. (f) Based on Corps of Engineers automatic water stage recorder-data. (g) Vancouver Weather Bureau gage zero is 1.82' above M.S.L. All other readings are in feet above M.S.L.

LOWER COLUMBIA WATERSHEDS









WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK WILLAMETTE WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK - The 1962 water supply outlook for the Willamette Valley has been dimmed slightly from the near average outlook one month ago by less than average February increases to the snowpack. Month-end storms should improve the situation, however. Soil moisture was improved by February thaws and reservoirs are beginning to fill.

SNOW COVER - Water content of the snowpack was 35 percent below normal when measured just prior to March 1st although still 75 percent better than last year at this time. Storms occurring on March 1st and 2nd were too late to be included in most of this month's snow surveys but should improve the picture greatly if they continue throughout March.

SOIL MOISTURE - Watershed soil moisture has improved during February. This is particularly true at lower elevations where snow fell and melted several times during the month. Soils should now be fairly well primed except at the highest elevations on the Cascades under the snowpack. Soils in the higher areas will still take some moisture when spring snowmelt begins, to finish priming the soil.

RESERVOIR STORAGE - Six multi-purpose reservoirs operated by the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers on Willamette tributaries have started to fill according to a prearranged flood control plan.

STREAMFLOW - Streamflow during February was only half of the 1943-57 average on the Middle Fork of the Willamette*. This stream has averaged only 71 percent of its usual flow for the October 1 - March 1 period.

Forecasts of streamflow for the April-September irrigation season have been dropped 3 - 10 percent on most streams in the basin as a result of below normal increases in snow water accumulation on the watershed. These forecasts now range from 82 percent on the Clackamas at Big Bottom to 91 percent on the McKenzie at McKenzie Bridge. The Willamette at Salem is expected to flow 4,720,000 acre feet or 86 percent of the 1943-57 average.

The Molalla, Pudding, Calapooya and smaller streams are expected to have better flows than the last two or three years.

*Preliminary data furnished by U.S. Geological Survey, Portland, Oregon

STREAM or AREA	FLOW	PERIOD
SIREAW OF AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Calapooya Clackamas McKenzie Molalla Santiam, North Santiam, South Willamette, Coast Fork Willamette, Middle Fork	Average Average Average Average Average Average Average Average	Fair Fair Average Fair Fair Fair Fair Average

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

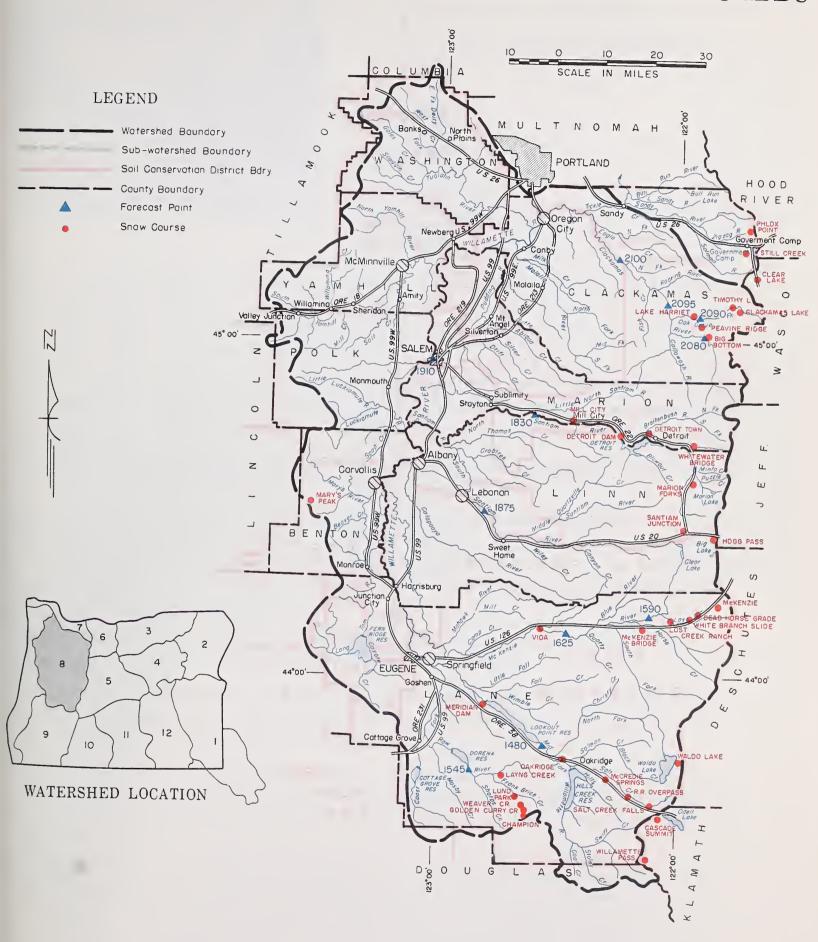
	USABLE	MEASUR	ED (First o	f Month)
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	THIS YEAR LAST YEAR AV	
Cottage Grove Detroit Dorena Fern Ridge Hills Creek Res. Lookout Point	30.8* 299.9* 70.5* 94.2* 249.0* 337.2*	7.7 74.1 15.1 31.7 61.1 17.6	8.0 136.8 17.9 38.7 98.0	9.7 79.3 23.0 35.1
*Multiple space re flood ru	served p			

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT,
NO.	NAME	THIS YEAR		AVERAGE	OF AVERAGE
2080 2100 2095 1590 1625 2090 1545 1830 1875 1480 1910	Clackamas at Big Bottom Clackamas at Estacada Clackamas above Three Lynx McKenzie at McKenzie Bridge McKenzie near Vida Oak Grove Fork above Power Intake Row near Dorena Santiam, North at Mehama d Santiam, South at Waterloo Willamette, Mid. Fk. blw. N. Fk. nr. Oakridge Willamette at Salem d	151 121 750 681 565 476 581 443 1223 1003 173 134 96 92 807 715 565 532 820 724 4720 4200	April-Sept. April-July April-July April-July April-July April-July	184 150 879 763 674 578 640 488 1362 1120 198 156 114 109 968 866 652 616 909 804 5461 4942	82 81 85 89 84 82 91 90 90 87 86 84 83 83 83 87 86 90 90 86 85

⁽a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. (f) Report delayed. (*) 1943-57 Adjusted average.

WILLAMETTE WATERSHEDS



Willamette Watersheds

SNOW		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CON	TENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE	
Big Bottom	2118	g					
Cascade Summit	4880	2/27	66	23.8	15.0	30.6*	
Champion	4500	2/27	54	17.8	8.4	24.7	
Clackamas Lake	3400	2/23	28	7.3	2.3	14.4*	
Clear Lake	3500	2/27	8	1.9	0.4	14.0*	
Clear Lake Experimental	3500	2/27	24	7.0	2.0		
Dead Horse Grade	3800	2/27	34	12.6	5.0	21,7*	
Detroit Town	1610	2/26	0	0.0	0.0	1.8*	
Detroit Dam	1580	2/26	T	T	0.0	0.8*	
Golden Curry Creek	3136	2/27	6	0.7	2.5	6.6*	
Hogg Pass	4755	2/26	90	33.4	19.5	42.0	
Lake Harriet	2045	3/2	24	2.5	0.5	3.8*	
Layng Creek	1200	2/27	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*	
Lost Creek Ranch	1956	2/27		0.0	T.		
Lund Park	1740	2/27		0.0			
Marion Forks	2730	2/26	22	8.3	0.0 1.3	1.3*	
Marys Peak	3620	g g	22	0.3	1.3	15.9	
McCredie Springs	2120	2/27	Т	Т	0.0	0.9*	
McKenzie	4800	2/27	89	35.6			
	1372	2/27	0		22.6	43.3*	
McKenzie Bridge				0.0	0.0	1.6*	
Meridian Dam	750	2/27	_	0.0	0.0	0.0*	
Mill City	826	2/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*	
Oakridge	1310	2/27	T	Т	0.0	T*	
Peavine Ridge	3500	g	3.00	40.3	42.5		
Phlox Point	5600	3/2	136	46.1	41.5	60.3	
Railroad Overpass	2750	2/27	T	Т	Т	4.6*	
Salt Creek Falls	4000	2/27	35	13.2	2.8	17.0*	
Santiam Junction	3990	2/26	44	16.4	5.8	25.3	
Still Creek	3700	2/26	36	11.9	7.9	25.5	
Timothy Lake	3295	3/2	51	11.9	5.5		
Vida	800	2/27	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*	
Waldo Lake	5500	2/21	69	24.2			
Weaver Creek	2440	2/27	3	0.6	0.0	2.7*	
White Branch Slide	2800	2/27	8	2.2	0.8	8.8*	
Whitewater Bridge	2175	2/26	2	0.4	0.0	7.9*	
Willamette Pass	5600	2/19	95	33.4	23.1	38.3*	
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK ROGUE, UMPQUA, WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK - The 1962 water supply outlook for the Rogue-Umpqua Basin has been dimmed slightly from the near average outlook of February 1st. Snow cover did not receive normal February increases and streamflow has been only little better than half normal during the month.

SNOW COVER - Water content of the snowpack just prior to March 1st was 18 percent below the 1943-57 average although still 51 percent better than last year at this time.

SOIL MOISTURE - Soil moisture was improved by February thaws and the top 3 or 4 feet of watershed soils should be well primed for later runoff.

RESERVOIR STORAGE - Fish Lake and Fourmile Lake together now hold 8,100 acre feet of water compared with 7,100 a year ago on March 1st. Howard Prairie and Emigrant reservoirs contain 47,500 acre feet compared with 31,900 acre feet last year at this time. Hyatt Prairie now holds 7,700 acre feet compared with only 2,800 acre feet on March 1 last year.

STREAMFLOW - Streamflow forecasts have dropped 3 - 12 percent during February as a result of reduced snow water accumulation for the month.

Little Butte, North Fork at Fish Lake, is forecast to flow 15,200 acre feet during the April-September period. Fourmile Lake is expected to receive 7,200 acre feet during the March-September season.

Little Butte, South Fork, near Lake Creek forecast is now 38,000 acre feet for the April-July period with the minimum flow dropping to 100 c.f.s. by June 3rd. The inflow to Hyatt Lake is forecast to be 5,200 acre feet for the April-September period.

The forecast for the Rogue at Raygold has dropped from 98 to 90 percent of the 1943-57 average and is now expected to flow 905,000 acre feet this irrigation season. There is still no evidence that canal rotation will be required in the Grants Pass Irrigation District this year. The Applegate near Copper and the Illinois at Kerby are forecast to flow 80 and 95 percent of average respectively during the irrigation season. North Umpqua below Lemolo is expected to flow 155,000 acre feet or 83 percent for the April-September period.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK **Average* or *Excellent*

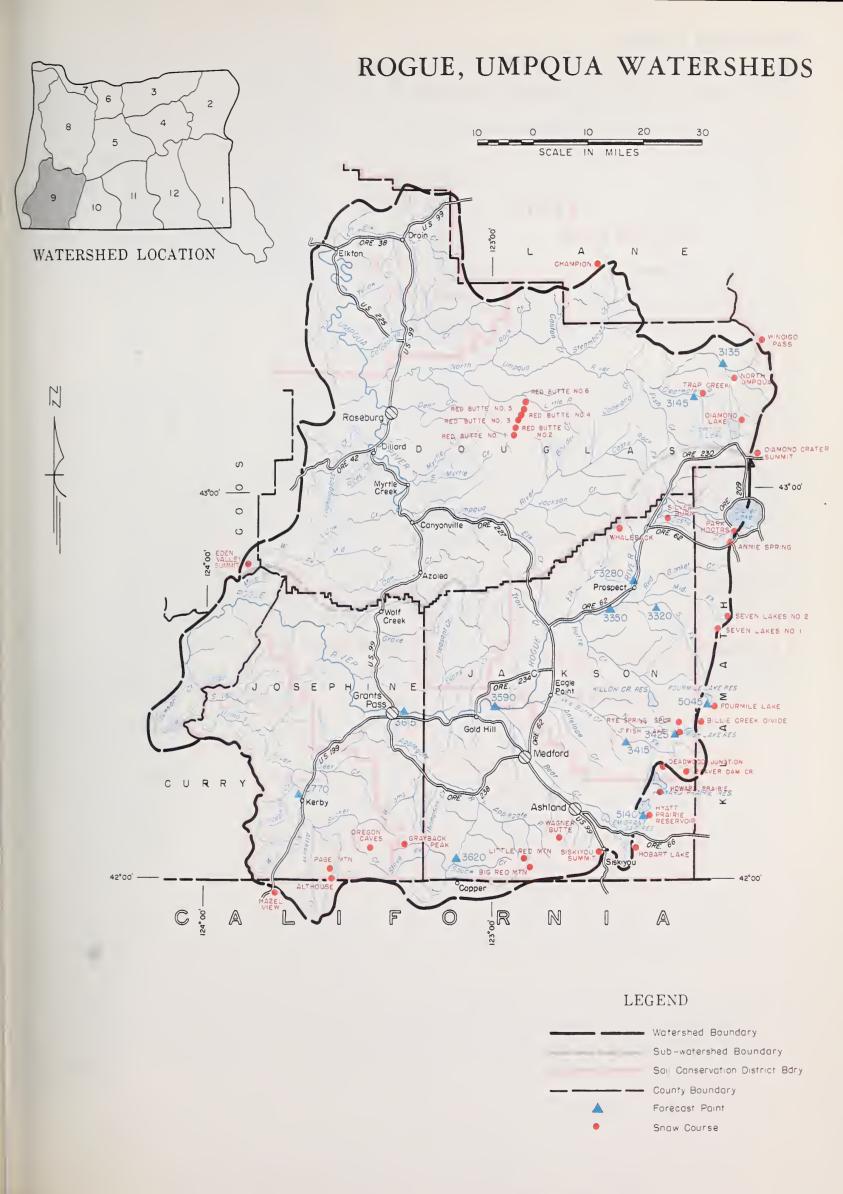
RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

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STREAM or AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943 - 5 AVERAG
Althouse Creek Applegate River, Big Applegate River, Little Ashland Creek Butte Creek, Little Butte Creek, Big Cow Creek Deer Creek Elk Creek Emigrant Cr. (above Res.) Evans Creek Gold Hill Irrigation Dist. Grants Pass Irrig. Dist. Grave Creek Illinois River, East Fork Illinois River, West Fork Jump-off-Joe Creek Neil Creek Red Blanket Creek Rogue River Sucker Creek Table Rock Irrig. Dist. Thompson Creek Wagner Creek Williams Creek	Fair Fair Fair Average Average Fair Fair Average Fair Fair Fair Average Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair	Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair	Emigrant Gap Fish Lake Fourmile Lake Howard Prairie Hyatt Prairie	39.0 7.8 16.1 60.0 16.1	27.0 4.3 3.8 20.5 7.7	17.4 3.8 3.3 14.5 2.8	6.1 5.3 8.7 7.0

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS "(1,000 Ac. Ft.)

	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT.
жо.	NAME	THIS YEAR		AVERAGE	OF AVERAGE
		105	. 12.6	3.03	
3620	Applegate near Copper	105	April-Sept.	131	80
3145	Clearwater above Trap Creek	57	April-Sept.	73	78
5045	Fourmile Lake net Inflow	7.2	March-Sept.	7.6	95
5140	Hyatt Reservoir net Inflow	5.2	April-Sept.	6.2	84
3770	Illinois River at Kerby d	298	March-July	314	95
3425	Little Butte, N. Fk. at Fish Lake nr. Lk. Cr. d	15.2	April-Sept.	16.9	90
3415	Little Butte, S. Fk. nr. Lake Creek	38	April-July	42	90
1	Note: Minimum flow will drop to 100 c.f.s.				
1	by June 3.				
3280	Rogue above Prospect	315	April-Sept.	351	90
		265	April-July	293	90
3320	Rogue, South Fork near Prospect a	73	April-Sept.	83	88
		61	April-July	71	86
3350	Rogue below South Fork	665	April-Sept.	749	89
		540	April-July	608	89
3590	Rogue at Raygold near Central Point	905	April-Sept.	1004	90
		750	April-July	842	89
3615	Rogue at Grants Pass	875	April-Sept.	974	90
3135	Umpqua, North blw. Lemolo Res. nr. Toketee				
	Falls	155	April-Sept.	186	83
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⁽a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. (f) Report delayed. (g) Not Surveyed. (h) Construction. (i) 7 of 18 sampling points. (j) Partly estimated. (*) 1943-57 Adjusted average.



Rogue, Umpqua Watersheds

SNOW		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CON	TENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE	
Althougo	4530	2/27	10	9 9	0.7	F 0	
Althouse			10	2.3	0.7	5.8	
Annie Spring	6018	2/27	102	33.8	28.2	41.0	
Beaver Dam Creek	5100	2/27	36	10.9	2.3	J. T.	
Big Red Mountain	6500	2/25	73	23.2	19.6	24.4*	
Billie Creek Divide	5300	2/27	53	18.8	11.5	23.6	
Champion	4500	2/27	54	17.8	8.4	24.7	
Cold Springs Camp	6100	2/26	86	29.4	22.3		
Deadwood Junction	4600	2/27	29	8.9	3.8		
Diamond-Crater Summit	5800	2/21	94	30.3	21.5		
Diamond Lake	5315	2/21	53	18.8	11.0	23.0	
Eden Valley Summit	2390	g					
Fish Lake	4865	2/27	31	12.1	4.2	12.0	
Fourmile Lake	6000	2/27	58	20.4	19.4	26.0*	
Grayback Peak	6000	3/2	77	18.6	8.5	23.4	
Hazel View	2500	2/27	0	0.0	0.0		
Hobart Lake	5010	g					
Howard Prairie	4500	2/27	32	9.7	2.6		
Hyatt Prairie Reservoir	4900	2/27	27	7.8	1.7	9.5*	
Little Red Mountain	6500	2/25	52	15.5	14.3	19.1*	
North Umpqua	4215	3/3	32	13.5	2.8	14.0*	
Page Mountain	4045	2/27	3	0.6	0.0		
Park Headquarters	6450	2/27	123	39.1	40.3	51.7*	
Red Butte #1	4560	2/26	25	7.8	4.3	01.7	
Red Butte #1	4000	2/26	8	2.0	2.7		
Red Butte #2	3500	2/26	6	1.6			
Red Butte #4	3000	2/26	2	0.7	1.6		
Red Butte #5	2500	2/26	0	0.0	0.4		
Red Butte #6	2000	2/26		0.0			
	5000						
Rye Spring Spur		2/27	28	10.3	3.1		
Seven Lakes #1	6800	2/23	119	45.5	36.0	51.0*	
Seven Lakes #2	6200	2/23	105	37.0	26.9	37.3*	
Silver Burn	3720	2/26	22	-7 . 8	1.7	13.3	
Siskiyou Summit	4630	2/25	8	2.4	0.6	7.1*	
South Fork Canal	3500	2/26	T	T	0.0	3.4	
Trap Creek	3800	3/3	24	10.7	0.6		
Wagner Butte	6900	g		40.			
Whaleback	5140	2/26	77	26.3	16.5	33.1*	
Windigo Pass	5800	2/20	95	37.7	27.2	40.0*	



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK KLAMATH WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK - The 1962 water supply outlook for Klamath Basin has improved slightly over the adequate outlook of February 1st, and month-end storms have continued to pile up the snow.

SNOW COVER - Water content of the mountain snowpack is 21 percent greater than the 15 year average (1943-57) on the watersheds of Lost and Sprague Rivers and 16 percent less than average on the Cascade side of the basin. Snow is double that of last year on March 1st on the east side and one-third greater than last year on the west side of the basin.

Watershed conditions are such that a "Chinook" occurring in the next few weeks could produce runoff of proportions greater than expected in present forecasts.

SOIL MOISTURE - The top 3 or 4 feet of soils on upper watersheds under the snowpack are still relatively dry and will soak up early snowmelt water. Soils at lower elevations were well recharged with moisture during the mid-February thaw.

RESERVOIR STORAGE - With the exception of Upper Klamath Lake, reservoir water supplies are extremely low - a reflection of three consecutive dry years.

Gerber reservoir now contains 6,300 acre feet compared with 12,600 last year at this date. Average storage for March 1 is 38,300 acre feet. Clear Lake reservoir holds 79,300 acre feet compared with 115,200 acre feet last year and an average of 224,000 acre feet. Clear Lake gained better than 22,000 acre feet in the mid-February thaw but Gerber picked up only 4,500 acre feet.

STREAMFLOW - Forecasts of inflow to Gerber and Clear Lake reservoirs in the March-June period are 41,000 and 80,000 acre feet respectively. These flows will be about 92 percent of the 1943-57 average for the period and should provide sufficient water for a reasonable irrigation season.

Inflow to Upper Klamath Lake is forecast at 900,000 acre feet or 110 percent of the average March-September period. This should be adequate for irrigation needs. Flows of the Sprague and Williamson Rivers are expected to be 107 percent of average.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Poor", "Fair" "Average" or "Excellent"

WATER SUPPLY UUTLUUR "A	verage" or "Ex	cellent"	KEZEKANIK 2
STREAM or AREA	FLOW	PERIOD	RESERV
STREAM OF AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON	RESERV
Ft. Klamath Valley Lost River (Clear Lake) Lost River (Gerber) Lost River (Willow Res.) Sprague River Upper Klamath Lake Williamson River	Average Average Average Average Average Average	Average Average Average Average Average Average	Clear Lake Gerber Upper Klama

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

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RESERVOIR	USABLE	MEASUR	ED (First o	
	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943 - 57 AVERAGE
Clear Lake Gerber Upper Klamath Lake	440.2 94.0 584.0	79.3 6.3 367.7	115.2 12.6 411.2	224.0 38.3 390.0

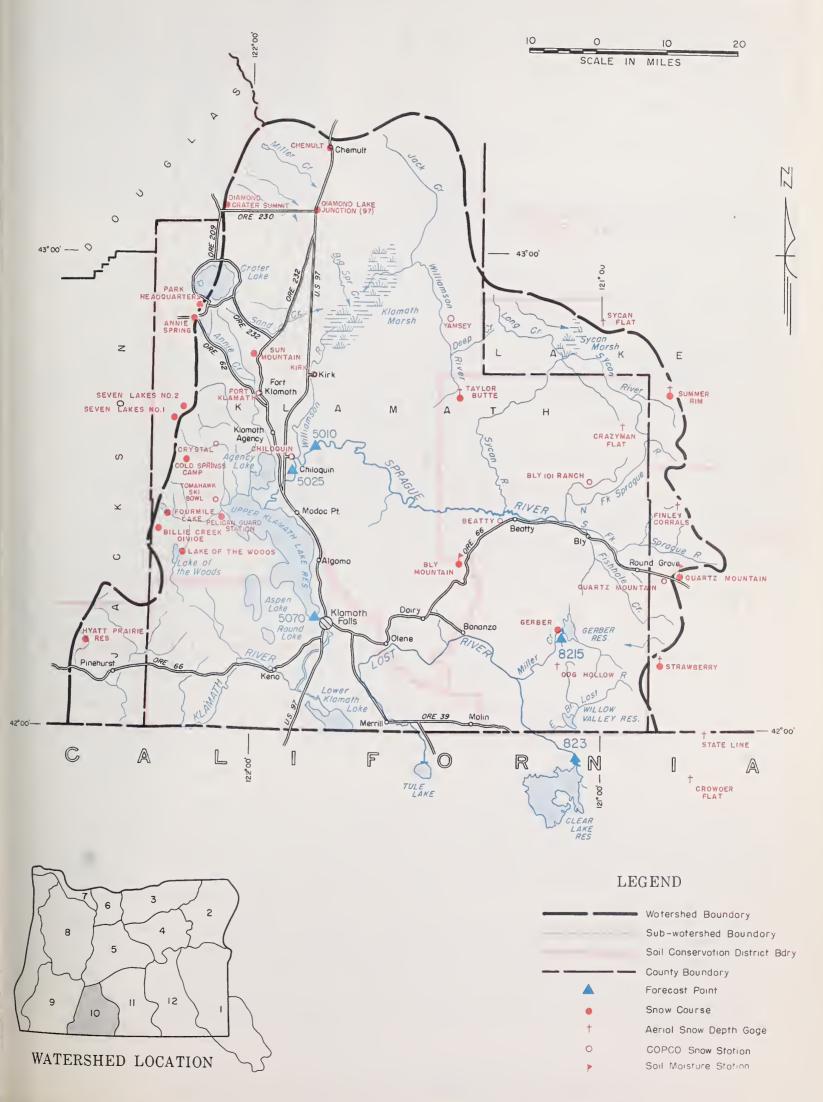
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT
NO.	NAME	THIS YEAR		AVERAGE	OF AVERAGE
823 8215 5010	Clear Lake Reservoir Inflow ^g Gerber Reservoir Inflow ^g Sprague near Chiloguin	80 41 380	March-June March-June March-Sept.	87 44 354	92 93 107
5070 5025	Upper Klamath Lake net Inflow ^B Williamson below Sprague River	900 624	March-Sept. March-Sept.	816 590	110
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STATION		DEST! AVAILABLE	DATE	THIS LAST		2 YEARS	
NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	YEAR	YEAR	AGO
Bly Mountain	5090	42	7.4	2/27/62	2.2		
uartz Mountain	5320	48	10.7	2/27/62	1.1		

⁽a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. (f) Report delayed. (g) From COPCO or USBN records of inflow. (h) Flashboards increase capacity to 513.0 (i) Water content partly estimated. (*) 1943-57 Adjusted average.

KLAMATH WATERSHEDS



Klamath Watersheds

SNOW		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD		
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER	WATER CON	TENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE	
Annie Spring	6018	2/27	102	33.8	28.2	41.0	
Beatty (PP&L)	4300	f	102	33.0	20.2	41.0	
Billie Creek Divide	5300	2/27	53	18.8	11.5	23.6	
Bly Mountain	5090	2/27	24	8.4	3.8	25.0	
Bly 101 Ranch (PP&L)	4800	f	21	0.4	3.0		
Chemult	4760	2/26	26	8.3	4.4	12.2	
Chiloquin (PP&L)	4187	f.		1		12.2	
Cold Springs Camp	6100	2/26	86	29.4	22.3		
Crazyman Flat ^e	6100	2/23	36	10.8	7.4		
Crowder Flat ^e	5200	2/23	9	2.7	0.7	3.9*	
Crystal (PP&L)	4200	f		5.	•••		
Diamond-Crater Summit	5800	2/21	94	30.3	21.5		
Diamond Lake Junction (97)	4600	2/21	20	5.5	Т		
Dog Hollow e	4900	2/23	2	0.6	0.0		
Finley Corrals e	6000	2/23	54	16.2	12.2		
Fort Klamath (PP&L)	4150	f			1		
Gerber	4850	2/28	7	3.8	0.0	2.6*	
Hyatt Prairie Reservoir	4900	2/27	27	7.8	1.7	9.5*	
Kirk (PP&L)	4533	f		. • •			
Lake of the Woods	4960	2/27	-32	11.9	8.3	11.2	
Park Headquarters	6450	2/27	123	39.1	40.3	51.7*	
Pelican Guard Station	4150	2/26	9	4.4	T		
Quartz Mountain	5320	2/27	27	9.2	2.0	6.3	
Quartz Mountain (PP&L)	5504	2/27	30	9.6	2.5	6.4*	
Seven Lakes #1	6800	2/23	119	45.5	36.0	51.0*	
Seven Lakes #2	6200	2/23	105	37.0	26.9	37.3*	
State Line ^e	5750	2/23	41	12.3	4.6		
Strawberry	5600	2/26	36	9.8	4.2	8.2*	
Summer Rim	7200	2/27	52	16.0	13.9	14.7*	
Sun Mountain	5350	2/22	64	19.3	14.6	25.4	
Sycan Flat e	5500	2/23	27	8.1	3.2		
Taylor Butte	5100	2/20	22	7.5	2.0	<u> </u>	
Tomahawk Ski Bowl (PP&L)	4200	f					
Yamsey (PP&L)	4600	f					
14,100 (1102)	1						



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK LAKE COUNTY, GOOSE LAKE WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK - Lake County's 1962 water supply outlook has improved slightly and nearly adequate supplies of water are now expected for this season's irrigation. Stored water supplies are still much below the average for March 1st.

Watershed conditions are such that a "Chinook" occurring in the next few weeks could produce runoff of proportions greater than expected in present forecasts.

SNOW COVER - Water content of the mountain snowpack is now 18 percent greater than average for March 1st and is double that of last year at this date.

The mid-February thaw removed practically all snow below about 5000 feet but fortunately this has since been replaced by late storms.

SOIL MOISTURE - Moisture in the top 3 or 4 feet of watershed soils under the snow is still extremely "short" in upper elevations above about 5300 feet elevation. However, below that point the soils were well recharged by the mid-February thaw.

RESERVOIR STORAGE - Stored water in Cottonwood and Drew reservoirs is estimated at about 4,600 acre feet compared with 13,800 acre feet a year ago and an average storage of 41,400 acre feet.

STREAMFLOW - Forecasts of seasonal flow of Lake County streams are all somewhat below the 15 year average (1943-57) except for the Chewaucan River where a flow of 100,000 acre feet (109 percent average) is expected for the March-June period.

Forecast of inflow to Drews Valley reservoir, which serves Lakeview Water Users, Inc., is upped from the February 1st estimate to 45,000 acre feet for the March-July period (96 percent of average). This should provide sufficient water for a reasonably satisfactory season.

Warner Valley water supplies, where storage facilities are limited, are not quite so satisfactory, since dry soils will soak up considerable snowmelt water. Twenty-mile Creek is expected to produce 24,000 acre feet or 86 percent of the March-June average. Likewise, Honey Creek near Plush is forecast to produce 16,700 acre feet or 87 percent of its average March-June flow.

Deep Creek, with higher elevations in the watershed, is expected to flow 45,000 acre feet or 96 percent of its March-July average. Water for Crump, Hart and other Warner lakes should be in better supply than for several years.

Flows of Crooked Creek, Duncan, Silver, Bridge and Beech Creeks should likewise be better than in any year since 1958.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Poor", "Foir" "Average" or "Excellent"

STREAM or AREA	FLOW	PERIOD
STREAM OF AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON
Chewaucan River	Average	Fair
Crooked Creek	Average	Fair
Deep Creek	Average	Fair
Dry Creek	Average	Fair
East Side Goose Lake	Average	Fair
Guano Lake	Average	Fair
Honey Creek	Average	Fair
Lakeview Water Users Assn.	Average	Fair
Rock Creek (Hart Mtn.)	Average	Fair
Silver-Buck Creeks	Average	Fair
Summer Lake	Average	Fair
Thomas Creek	Average	Fair
Twentymile Creek	Average	Fair
Warner Lakes	Average	Fair

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE	MEASUR	ED (First o	f Month)
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943 - 57 AVERAGE
Cottonwood Drew	4.1 63.0	0.2	1.2	0.7 40.7

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

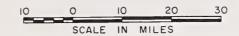
NO.	FORECAST POINT NAME	FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	1943-57 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
3840	Chewaucan near Paisley Deep above Adel Drew Reservoir net Inflow Honey near Plush Twentymile near Adel	100	March-June	92	109
3715		82	March-June	83	99
3385		45	March-July	47	96
3785		16.7	March-June	19.2	87
3660		24	March-June	28	86

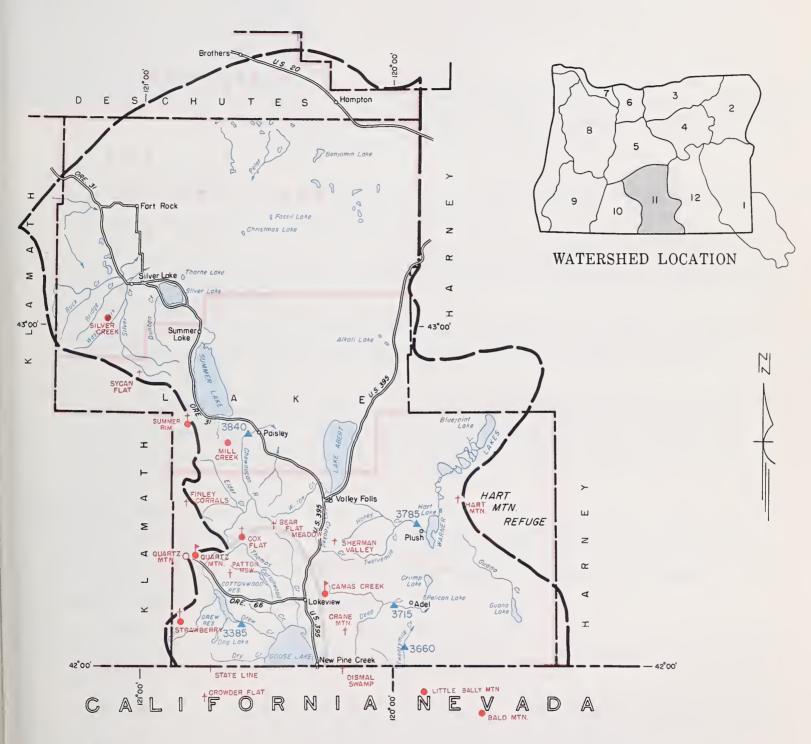
AVAILABLE SOIL MOISTURE	PROFILE	(Inches)					
STATION NAME ELEVATION		DEPTH	AVAILABLE CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
Quartz Mountain	5320	48	10.7	2/27/62	1.1		

SNOW	SNOW			TION	PAST	RECORD
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME	ELEVATION	ELEVATION SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE
Bald Mountain (Nev.)	6720	2/28	21	6.0	2.0	3.3
Bear Flat Meadow ^e	5900	2/23	42	12.6	7.7	
Camas Creek	5720	2/24	38	11.8	7.1	11.0*
Cox Flat ^e	5750	2/23	37	11.1	0.0	
Crane Mountain ^e	6020	2/22	24	7.2	2.1	
Crowder Flat ^e	5200	2/23	9	2.7	0.7	3.9*
Dismal Swamp e (Calif.)	7000	2/22	60	18.0	13.0	
Finley Corrals ^e	6000	2/23	54	16.2	12.2	
Hart Mountain ^e	6350	2/22	15	4.5	0.0	
Little Bally Mountain e	6600	2/22	15	4.5	1.6	
Mill Creek	6200	2/21	38	7.9	6.4	8.1
Quartz Mountain (PP&L)	5504	2/27	30	9.6	2.5	6.4*
Quartz Mountain	5320	2/27	27	9.2	2.0	6.3
Sherman Valley'e	6600	2/22	50	15.0	9.8	
Silver Creek	4900	2/26	16	4.4	0.0	3.7
State Line e	5750	2/23	41	12.3	4.6	
Strawberry	5600	2/26	36	9.8	4.2	8.2*
Summer Rim	7200	2/27	52	16.0	13.9	14.7*
Sycan Flat ^e	5500	2/23	27	8.1	3.2	

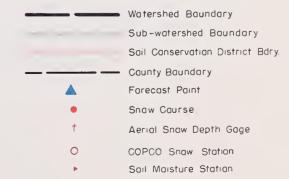
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LAKE COUNTY, GOOSE LAKE WATERSHEDS





LEGEND



Lake County, Goose Lake Watersheds



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK HARNEY BASIN WATERSHEDS OREGON

as of MARCH 1, 1962

U. S. D. A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - OREGON AGRIC. EXPERIMENT STATION - OREGON STATE ENGINEER

GENERAL OUTLOOK

The outlook for 1962 irrigation water supplies in Harney County is much improved with strong indications of a satisfactory season ahead.

A mid-February thaw removed most of the snowpack below 5000 feet elevation and added good moisture to the soils. Fortunately, month-end storms have replaced much of the low elevation snow.

Watershed conditions are such that a "Chinook" occurring in the next few weeks could produce runoff of proportions greater than expected in present forecasts.

SNOW COVER

Water content of the mountain snowpack in Harney Basin is 8 percent below the 1943-57 average but it is 64 percent greater than that of last year on March 1st. The snowpack is slightly better in the north part of the basin compared with the south half.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the top 3 to 4 feet of soils under the snowpack above about 5000 feet elevations is still only 57 percent of capacity and is less than last year at this date. These dry soils will soak up some of the early snowmelt water as runoff begins. Lower elevations soils are much wetter.

STREAMFLOW

Forecasts for spring and summer streamflow have been raised because of the increased snowpack.

Flow of the Silvies River for the March-June period is forecast at 140,000 acre feet or 113 percent of the 1943-57 average. Forecast for Silver Creek near Riley is set at 108 percent average or 28,000 acre feet for the April-July period.

In southern Harney County the Blitzen River is forecast at 70,000 acre feet or 103 percent of the March-June average. Trout Creek near Denio is expected to produce 11,000 acre feet or 116 percent of the March-July period average.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK expressed as "Poor", "Foir" "Average" or "Excellent"

RESERVOIR	STORAGE	(1,000	Ac. Ft.)
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STREAM or AREA	FLOW PERIOD				
STREAM OF AREA	SPRING SEASON	LATE SEASON			
Catlow Valley Cow Creek Donner und Blitzen River Mill-Coffeepot Creeks Rattlesnake Creek Rock Creek (Hart Mtn.) Silver Creek Silvies River Soldier-Prather Creeks Trout Creek Whitehorse Creek	Average	Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair Fair			

RESERVOIR	USABLE	MEASUR	ED (First o	irst of Month)		
RESERVOIR	CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1943 - 57 AVERAGE		

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS a (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

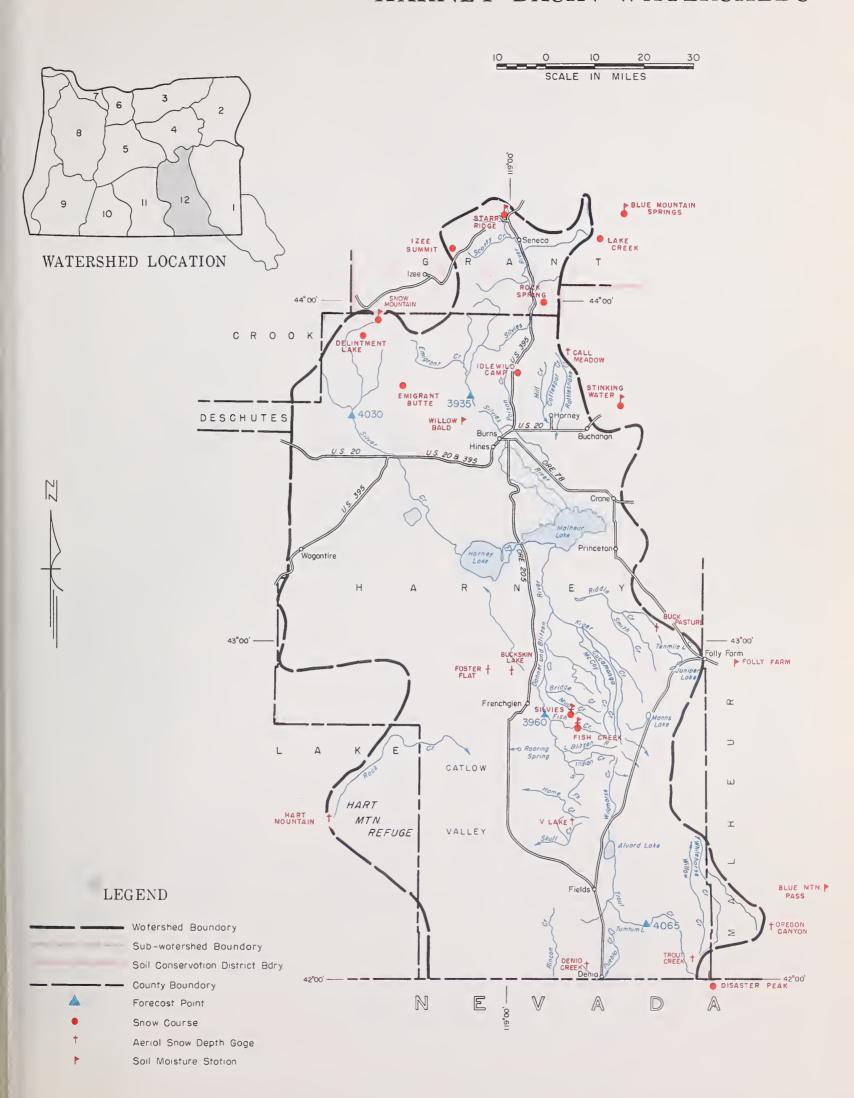
FORECAST POINT NO. NAME		FORECAST PERIOD FORECAST PERIOD		1943-57 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT, OF AVERAGE
3960	Donner und Blitzen near Frenchglen	65	March-June	63	103
4030	Silver near Riley	28	April-July	26	108
3935	Silvies near Burns	140	March-June	124	113
4065	Trout near Denio	11.0	March-July	9.5	116

AILABLE SOIL MOISTURE	PROFILE	(Inches)	SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)				
STATION		DEPTH	AVAILABLE	DATE	THIS	LAST	2 YEARS
NAME	ELEVATION	DEFIN	CAPACITY	DATE	YEAR	YEAR	AGO
Blue Mountain Springs	5900	42	12.0	2/26/62	3.0	4.5	
Fish Creek	7600	48	9.5	2/22/62	3.4		
Folly Farm	4450	36	8.3	2/23/62	4.4	4.8	5.3
Silvies	6900	48	10.3	2/22/62	6.6		
Snow Mountain	6300	48	10.4	2/20/62	8.4		
Starr Ridge	5150	36	6.1	2/26/62	4.1	5.0	5.1
Stinking Water	4800	48	11.7	2/23/62	10.2	11.2	10.3
Willow-Bald	5000	24	4.3	2/20/62	1.1	4.3	2.2

SNOW		CUR	RENT INFORMA	TION	PAST F	RECORD
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inches	
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	1943-57 AVERAGE
Blue Mountain Spring	5900	2/26	44	13.0	10.9	15.2
Buck Pasture ^e	5700	2/26	8	2.6	1.3	
Buckskin Lake ^e	5200	2/22	T	Т		
Call Meadows ^e	5340	2/26	21	5.9	2.6	
Delintment Lake	5600	2/20	32	7.7		
Denio Creek ^e	6000	2/22	2	0.6	0.0	
Disaster Peak	6500	f			i	
Emigrant Butte	5000	2/20	19	5.8		
Fish Creek ^e	7900	2/22	65	18.1	16.8	
Foster Flat ^e	5020	2/22	1	0.3		
Hart Mountain ^e	6350	2/22	15	4.5	0.0	
Idlewild Camp	5200	2/27	24	6.6	2.5	5.7
Izee Summit	5293	2/23	32	8.1	5.4	8.1
Lake Creek	5120	2/26	32	8.4	7.3	10.7
Oregon Canyon ^e	6950	2/26	22	7.0	4.6	
Rock Spring	5100	2/27	20	5.0	1.7	5.9
Silvies	6900	2/22	34	12.2	6.3	
Snow Mountain	6300	2/20	47	12.8		13.0*
Starr Ridge	5150	2/26	19	5.0	2.8	6.0
Stinking Water	4800	2/26	13	4.0	0.0	4.0*
Trout Creek ^e	7800	2/26	28	9.0	5.3	
"V" Lake ^e	6600	2/22	12	3.8	2.0	

⁽a) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. (b) 1943-57, 15 year period. (c) Not scheduled. (d) Corrected to natural flow. (e) Aerial snow depth gage; water content estimated. (f) Report delayed. (g) Not surveyed. (h) Partly estimated. (i) No Fall measurement. (j) Nearest current data. (*) 1943-57 Adjusted average.

HARNEY BASIN WATERSHEDS



Harney Basin Watersheds

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